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MEMBERS

OF THE

BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION

1884—5.

FROM APRIL 1st, 1885 to APRIL 12th, 1885.

EMIL E. DATZ, *President.*

THOMAS D. JORDAN. AUGUSTUS A. HARDENBERGH.

ISAAC ROMAINE. RODERICK B. SEYMOUR.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, *Clerk.*

Standing Committees.

1884–5.

Finance and Claims:

Hardenbergh, Jordan, Heppenheimer.

Concurrent Resolutions:

Datz, Heppenheimer, Hardenbergh.

Salaries, Taxes and Assessments:

Jordan, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer.

Printing, Stationery and Supplies:

Heppenheimer, Datz, Hardenbergh.

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MINUTES.

The members of the Board of Finance and Taxation met in the City Hall, Saturday, April 12th, 1884, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of organizing and transacting regular business.

There were present Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer, Jordan and McDermott.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, and on motion of Mr. Hardenbergh, Mr. McDermott was elected to act as President pro tempore.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the rules were suspended, and Mr. McDermott was elected President for the ensuing year by a viva voce vote.

The President-elect took the chair.

The President announced the standing committees for the ensuing year as follows:

1. Committee on Finance and Claims—Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan, and Heppenheimer.

2. Committee on Concurrent Resolutions—Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Hardenbergh.

3. Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments—Messrs. Jordan, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

4. Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies—Messrs. Heppenheimer, Datz and Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Heppenheimer:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to have thirty copies of the printed manuals of the proceedings of the last year of the Board of Finance and Taxation suitably bound, subject to the approval of the Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, April 16, 1884, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from the Emanuel Episcopal Church, the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, Ellen H. Brown and D. G. Elliott, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of B. F. Corduan of $3.95, for lock and keys for office.

Claim of the Argus of $26, for printing manuals, pages 107 to 119 inclusive.

Claim of Holihan & Co. for $5, for one rubber stamp for City Comptroller's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Collector and Board of Assessors, both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Official bond of Jacob Christman, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Horace H. Farrier and Abram Post, Jr., as sureties.

Official bond of John Brennan, as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with John Templeten, William Atheson and Horace H. Farrier as sureties.

Official bond of Thomas Reynolde, as a member of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000, with Patrick McArdle and Patrick McLean as sureties.

Official bond of John H. Keeney as a member of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000, with Isaac Houston and August Ingwersen as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Memorandum of the agreement between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel.

Received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Memorandum of an agreement between the Mayor and Alderman of Jersey City and Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The City Treasurer reported the following total balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories, at the close of business this day, to be $28,804.78.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, April 10th to 16th, 1884, both days included, to be $18,301.89.

Communication from the Board of Assessors of Jersey City, informing the Board that they had organized, with Hugh Dugan President, and James F. Gannon as Secretary.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting transfer to the appropriation for Elections, 1882-83, all unexpended balances of said year, for the purpose of paying claims for advertising the notice of registry of last November.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions.

1. Authorizing the Water Registrar to give notice in the official papers for one week that all arrearages for water rents must be paid within ten days from the date of such notice, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, otherwise the water will be immediately shut off.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Extension and Distributions for repairs to water pipe for the month of March, 1884, amounting to $730.36.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High service for the month of March, 1884, amounting to $2,129.63.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for laying water pipe for the month ending March 31, 1884, amounting to $964.30.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 14, 1884, to wit :

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Water Registrar, be and he is hereby directed to give notice in the official papers for one week that all arrears for water rents must be paid within ten days from the date of said notice with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, otherwise the water will be immediately shut off from all of said premises without further notice, and that notice be also given that no water rents will be received by the Water Registrar for the year 1884 and '85 from parties in arrears for water rents until all of said arrears are fully paid. be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received, and the resolution adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh :

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be requested to attend the regular meetiugs of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be instructed to forward to the Chairman of each Committee of this Board such matters as may be referred to the several Committees, to the end that the usual intermissions for recess, on the evenings of its regular meetings, may be dispensed with, except in extraordinary cases.

In the absence of the President the resolution was laid over.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried :

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet at the call of the chair.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, April 21, 1884, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Present—All the members.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of William J. Fullerton, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Terence O'Gorman and George S. Cunningham as sureties.

The above bond was received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. McDermott:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to arrange for the printing of such form of bond as may be found desirable, and to exchange the same for such bonds as may be printed and delivered under the resolution of this Board adopted April 7th, 1884, said bonds issued under this resolution to be printed in such manner and form as said committee shall decide necessary for conformity with the act under which said bonds are issued, subject to the approval of the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Datz, and carried, moved:

That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Thursday, April 24th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, April 21, 1884, at 12:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected President pro tempore.

The clerk read the following call:

JERSEY CITY, April 21, 1884.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Esq.,
Clerk Board of Finance and Taxation.

DEAR SIR.—Please call a special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation for 12:30 p. m., April 21, 1884, for the purpose of approving official bonds.

A. A. HARDENBERGH,
THOMAS D. JORDAN,
OTTO HEPPENHEIMER.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported the official bonds of Thomas W. Leake, Thomas Reynolds and John H. Keeney, recommending that they be spread at large on the Bond Book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called, the recommendations of the Committee were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in City Hall, Tuesday, April 22d, 1884, at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be authorized to have printed such further bonds as may be deemed necessary under the resolution of this Board passed and approved April 7th 1884.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, April 24th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meetings were dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Barnard Magen and Sarah M. Phillips for compromise of assessments.

Petition of John G. Marse for cancellation of personal taxes.

Petition of Job Falkenburgh for an adjustment of taxes.

Petition of George A. Forster for correction of an error in taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

The President appeared and took his seat.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Franklyn Bank Note Company of $650 for printing bonds.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Company of $10.25 for ice furnished City Hall from March 24th to April 24th, 1884.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Comptroller and City Marshal for stationery and supplies.

Both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Official bond of Henry F. Crawford as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with George E. Cutter and George C. Doyle.

Official bond of Franklyn D. Crouse, with John J. Toffey and John Headden, Jr., as sureties.

Official bond of Joseph Locke, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John McCarty and Patrick Costello as sureties.

Official bond of John H. Masker, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Thomas Harrington and George B. Fielder as sureties.

Official Bond of Bernard McCarty, as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with John McCarty and Edward Cullen as sureties.

Official bond of Isaac J. Struble, as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Daniel Toffey and George C. Buckingham as sureties.

Official bond of James Clarke, as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Ferdinand Heintze and John Troll as sureties.

Official bond of Gideon Isley, as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Alfred Heritage and Valentine Feldmeyer as sureties.

Official bond of James H. Henderson, as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Peter Henderson and Alfred Henderson as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel reported the memorandum of an agreement between The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, as drawn in legal form.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Attorney reported the memorandum of an agreement between The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel, as drawn in legal form.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Menzies C. Cleveland, Agent for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Tax, reported the receipts to Saturday, April 19th, 1884, to be $305.13.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury April 18th to 24th, 1884, both days included, to be $121,777.56.

The City Treasurer reported the following total balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day to be $34,244.31.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Overseer of the Poor requesting an extra appropriation for the further relief of out-door poor, the appropriation heretofore made being inadequate.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting that a day be appointed for the destruction of cancelled coupon and registered bonds.

Received and referred to the President with power to name day.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Instructing Permit Clerk to grant a permit for 1½ inch tap to be used to supply water to fountain now being constructed by the government in Washington street, free of charge.

2. Authorizing Committee to lay 100 feet of six-inch water pipe in Reed street, from Bergen avenue to 100 feet east thereof, on petition of Matthew P. Clements.

3. Authorizing Committee to lay about 520 lineal feet of six-inch cast iron water pipe in Congress street, from Pearce avenue to Durham avenue, on application of Leonard Schenkle and others.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes. On reassembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported the following official bonds, recommending that they be approved, spread at large on the bond book and filed: As Constables, John H. Masker, Joseph Locke, Jacob Christman, William Fullerton. As members of the Board of Police Commissioners, James Clark, Isaac J. Struble and Bernard McCarty. As members of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Gideon Isley, John Brennan and James H. Henderson. The same committee reported on contracts between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and William Brinkerkoff, as Corporation Counsel, and Elijah T. Paxton, as Corporation Attorney, recommending that the same be approved, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported on the following matters, recommending that they be filed:

1. Preamble and resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting an extra appropriation of $7,000 to purchase horses and hose. Received September 20, 1882.

2. Petition of Phillip Kissam, trustee of William Astor, for exchange of coupon for registered bonds. Received December 20, 1882.

3. Resolution Board of Aldermen requesting an appropriation for numbering houses in Greenville. Received September 13, 1882.

4. Resolution from Board of Directors of Education in regard to the payment of deficiency in janitors' salaries. Received May 16, 1883.

5. Communication from Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works, certifying that the American Water and Gas Pipe Company had finished their contract for furnishing and laying water pipe. Received February 21, 1883.

6. Communication and resolution from the Board of Aldermen in reference to the receipt of $30,000 from the Pennsylvania Railroad. Received October 4, 1882.

7. Communication from his Honor the Mayor in reference to the receipt of $50,000 from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, received December 19, 1883.

8. Resolution from the Board of Chosen Freeholders requesting payment of arrears of county tax, received September 27th, 1882.

9. Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an extra appropriation for the relief of out door poor, received January 16th, 1884.

10. Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, received September 26th, 1883.

11. Communication from the Board of Chosen Freeholders in regard to money due from Jersey City, received September 12th, 1883.

12. Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting information as to sale of bond, received August 8th, 1883.

13. Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requestiug that a full detailed report of the financial condition of the city be published.

14. Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education in reference to the omissions made in the printed proceedings of that Board. Received December 27, 1882.

The same committee reported on the following matters, recommending that they be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

1. Official bond of John Feeney as Constable.

2. Communication from James Howell, requesting the return of his official bond as Constable.

3. Petition of August T. Post, requesting payment of lost coupons. Received March 19, 1884.

4. Petition of F. A. Boehne for the return of a fine paid under protest.

5. Bond of indemnity given by the American Exchange National Bank to cover the reissue of coupons lost.

The ayes and nays having been called on all of the above reports, the recommendations were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 14th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for Belleville and High Service for the month of March, 1884, amounting to $2,129.63, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 14th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for repairs to water pipe for the month of March, 1884, amounting to $730.36, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 14th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of March, 1884, amounting to $964.30, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 25, 1883, to wit :

Resolved, That $140 be paid to Julius Jonson & Co. for one 20-inch gate delivered at reservoir, charged to pumping and reservoirs; $335 to Julius Jonson & Co. for one 20-inch disk gate delivered at pipe yard, charged to extensions and distributions, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 18, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Permit Clerk be and is hereby directed to grant permit for 1½ inch tap to be used to supply water for fountain now being constructed on government property, Washington street, without charge, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of John M. Shannon :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to cancel the sales made August 28th, 1882, and August 27th, 1883, for unpaid taxes of 1878 and 1879, of lot 55, block 551, Palisade avenue, in the name of John M. Shannon, on payment to the City Treasurer of the tax rate for said years at a valuation of $1,500 with interest; and further

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized nd instructed to reduce the valuation of lot 55, block 551, in the name of John M. Shannon, from $2,000 to $1,500 for the years 1880, 1881 and 1882, and to receive the tax rate for said years at said reduced valuations with interest for the reason that the measurement of said lot has been in litigation. The Supreme Court having recently decided that the measurement made for purposes of taxation was erroneous.

On petition of The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company :

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company or representatives the face value of the following assessments without any interest to wit :

Extension Clinton avenue, Jackson to Bergen, 1878, lots 19 to 28, block 511.	$101.25
Improving Clinton avenue, Jackson to Ocean, 1871, lots 36 and 37, block 511.	1,380.55
Improving Madison avenue, Bramhall to N. and N. Y. R. R., 1871, lot 19, block 511.....	83.76
Improving West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874, lots 28, 52, 53, 54 and 55, block 511.....	28.02

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution,

otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of D. G. Elliott,

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive of D. G. Elliott the following assessments on lot 84, block 169, without interest, to wit:

Widening Montgomery street, Jersey avenue to Mill Creek, confirmed 1874 $ 69 02

Provided further that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this reso ution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Ellen H. Brown:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from Ellen H. Brown or representatives the following assessments without any interest, to wit:

Grading, &c., Bergen avenue, Newark Plank Road to N. J. R. R., 1871, lot 8, block 278.....$ 2 05

Improving Bergen avenue, Communipaw to Montgomery street, 1878..... 14 00

Improving of West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874..... 11 95

Sewer in Linden avenue (lateral)..... 354 50

Main Sewer Section "A," 2nd Drainage District, 1874..... 21 93

Provided all other taxes and assessments due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and, provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of E. W. Ackerman:

Resolved, That the City Collector be, and he is hereby authorized to receive from E. W. Ackerman the following assessment without any interest on lots Nos. 134, 135, 92, 93, block 796, to wit:

Improvement of Warren, now Congress street, Patterson Plank Road, to Central avenue, approved 1874..... $73 18

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void.

On petition of George Blakey:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from George Blakey the following assessment, without any interest, on lot 18, block 601, to wit:

Main sewer in Section "A," Second Drainage District, 1874..... $46 31

Provided all other taxes and assessments due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of May, 1884, interest account:

On General Account.....	$31,115 00
On General Account to pay interest on assessment bonds.....	44,910 00
On General Account to pay interest on assessment bonds.....	40,000 00
On Water Account.....	31,395 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $2 20-100, to transfer that amount from August, 1883, interest account, to general account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of nine hundred dollars, to transfer that amount from interest account to general account.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That upon payment to the City Treasurer of the sum of twenty-five dollars, the City Clerk be directed to cancel of record so much of the sale made to the City Treasurer August 25th, 1879, for taxes of 1872, against property of the Hudson County Land and Improvement Company as will release from said sale and tax, lot 26, block 1,418, fronting on Ocean avenue at southeast corner of Ocean and Merseles avenue, now owned by Roger McGauley and wife.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh moved and carried:

That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Thursday, May 1st, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, April 26, 1884, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and the approval laid over.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That six per cent. bonds of the issue of 1884, recently printed, and now on hand, be issued to William Hogencamp, on surrender to the City Clerk of a similar amount of Sinking Fund bonds.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 1st, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Joseph K. Murray, for cancellation of certain assessments, the same having been paid.

Petition of St. Michael's Church for cancellation of taxes.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Zabriskie and Marinius for cancellation of personal tax.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from William H. Corbin, Theresa Hammerschlag, Rev. J. Hanley, Pastor St. Bridget's Catholic Church, and Joseph T. Craw.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of several property owners in Congress street, protesting against having the Passaic water brought in Congress street.

Petition of Peter Henderson for the widening of Vreeland street.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of P. H. Hanley of $80 for window shades for Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices.

Claim of John W. Harrison of $53.76 for stationery, &c., furnished offices in City Hall.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $3.97 for messenger service for the month of March, 1884.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The following official bonds were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel:

Official bond of John Jelly as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Charles Turner and Frederick Payne as sureties.

Official bond of Thomas Cogan as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Michael Rochford and John Hogan as sureties.

Official bond of Godfrey G. Dillaway as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Mahnken and Adolph Luck as sureties.

Official bond of Peter McGowan as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John McLaughlin and George Smith as sureties.

Official bond of John Feeney as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Dennis McLaughlin and John Boyd as sureties.

The Corporation Attorney reported the official bonds of Henry F. Crawford and Franklyn D. Crouse as constables, as drawn in legal form. They were referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Treasurer reported the following total balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day to be $52,070.49.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury April 25th to May 1st, 1884, both days included, to be $153,899.38.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Comptroller, showing the bonded and floating debt of the city (except water accoont), on the 30th day of April, 1884, to be as follows:

BONDED AND FLOATING DEBT (EXCEPT WATER)

APRIL 30, 1884.

General account debt.		$5,410,950	
Assessment " "		6,010,500	
Temp. loan ac't, banks.	$575,000		
Temp. loan ac't, sinking funds..	750,000		
Temp. loan ac't, special	242,000	$1,567.000	
Improvement certificates.....		93,500	
Total			$13,081,950 00
Less bonds held by Commissioners of Sinking Fund...		$1,175,565 00	
Less moneys held by Commissioners of Sinking Fund.		48,103 22	
Less amount loaned water account....		353,000 00	1,576,668 32
			$11,505,281 68

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Opinion of the Corporation Attorney on petition of J. V. R. Vreeland, stating that if the Board is satisfied that the property in question is used for church purposes, the taxes should be cancelled.

Opinion from the Corporation Attorney upon the petition of Washington B. Williams to have certain water rents, taxes and assessments on lots 20 and 21, block 589, cancelled, recommending that the petition be granted, the said charges having been declared a lien subsequent to a mortgage given to the Chancellor. The mortgage was given for money held in trust in Chancery, and the Courts decided that such a mortgage stands upon the same footing as one given to the State, taking precedence over all subsequent municipal impositions.

Both the above opinions, together with the petitions, were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

The Corporation Counsel, on the bond of indemnity given by the American Exchange National Bank to cover the re-issue of coupons, reported the condition of the bond insufficient. The bank should adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a bond for the purpose indicated. The bond should be made to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel on petition of F. A. Boehme for the return of a fine paid under protest, advising that the Board refuse to grant the petition.

Received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Counsel, on petition of August T. Post, for the payment of lost coupons, stating that the city should not involve itself in litigation arising from the carelessness of holders of negotiable coupons.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel, on petition of James Howell for the return of his official

bond as Inspector of Weights and Measures, advised that the Bond be held.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel, on resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a transfer of all unexpended balances for the year 1882-83 for the purpose of paying claims for advertising the notices of registry of last November, reported that the city is liable for claims for advertising notices of registry signed by the City Clerk.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel on the official bond of Henry Mades, as constable, stated that the condition of the bond is insufficient.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting this Board to fix the amount of bonds to be given by W. W. Ruggles, as Chief Engineer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Requesting that the Board reconsider their action of concurrence in the claim of Julius Jonson & Co.

2, Improvement of Hutton street from Palisade to Central avenue.

3. Authorizing Committee to lay water pipe in Congress street, from end of pipe now laid to Durham avenue.

4. Authorizes Committee to lay water pipe in Larch street, from Cherry Lane to Dey street.

5. Ordering paid claim of Nicholas Ott for rubber boots.

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

The President reported on resolution adopted by the Board February 20, 1884, as follows:

JERSEY CITY, May 1st, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—

Agreeable to a promise made several weeks ago, I desire to call the attention of the Board to matters affecting the fiscal management of the city and to present my report, under a reference made to me some time since of the methods in vogue of assessing property. In accordance with the wish of the Board an act providing for the funding of the temporary obligations of the city, was presented early in the session of the Legislature, and under its provisions it will be necessary to fund the temporary debt to the extent of one million dollars. These bonds will bear six per cent. interest and run for twenty years. That our city should be able to borrow money or find a market at a less rate of interest than six per centum must be clear to those who have given attention to the prices paid for accomodation by neighboring municipalities. Among the causes which prevent us from enjoying equal favor, none is more prominent than the attacks which are constantly made upon the credit of the city by a class of its own citizens, through the medium of local and New York newspapers. Within the month last past several statements have appeared in the press of New York calculated to injure the credit of Jersey City. In none of them could be found the shadow of truth; yet they had their effect upon the money market of New York, in which our bonds must of necessity have their value adjusted, and which is controlled by strangers to our city, who are, of course, timid in dealing with securities which are attacked at the place of their issue. Several of these statements I have traced to their origin, and have been surprised to find that they have started from citizens whose standing in our community renders it necessary to credit their utterances to thoughtlessness, malice, or surprising ignorance. Within three months the debt of Jersey City has been variously announced in the New York press at from eighteen to twenty-five millions. A plain statement in view of this fact may not prove ill-timed. The bonded debt of Jersey City to-day amounts to $11,370,450. To this should be added $1,000,000 to be issued under the recent act of the Legislature, making a total of $12,370,450. From this should be deducted the amount of the following bonds held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

Improvement Assessment bonds...	$141,000 00
Current expense bonds.....	110,000 00
Water bonds.....	1 1,000 00
Total.....	$422,000 00
Add $320,000 due from Water Account.....	320,000 00
Grand total.....	$742,000 00

This amount being deducted from the bonded debt of the city leaves that debt at $11,628,450. I have deducted the amount of the bonds held by the Sinking Fund Commissioners because the proceeds of those bonds, if sold, cannot be used for any other purpose than the reduction of the city debt. There is now due to the city, for taxes heretofore levied and assessments heretofore made, over the proportion payable to the county, when collected, $6,500,000. Making fair allowance for errors in the tax levies and imposition of assessments, we may assume that the city will receive from the accounts at least $5,000,000, with an amount of penalties and interest which will meet the interest on a corresponding amount of our bonded indebtedness. If I am right in this prediction the debt of Jersey City over and above the assets upon which we may reasonably hope to realize, is $6,628,000. I make this statement in connection with my report of the enactment of the bill to fund the temporary debt of the city, because many of the misstatements made were circulated by those who arrayed themselves in opposition to that measure.

From the statement of the amount due on account of taxes levied during the past ten years, it is evident that the methods provided for collection are defective, either in provision or execution. Under a recent enactment a better, because a more positive method of collection has been provided by a law prepared by the Citizens' Committee. The provisions of this act are not to become operative, however, until a desire therefor shall have been expressed by the people, and we therefore cannot avail ourselves of its merits during the present year. With the approval of your Board I prepared an act which was introduced by Mr. Chapman, passed in the House of Assembly and defeated in the Senate. The fact that it failed to become a law may render it necessary that I should apologize for alluding to its provisions, but I desire to be recorded in favor of the proposition that our courts should be open for the enforcement of the payment of taxes. Several measures were introduced during the late session delegating to municipal authorities the power to compromise past due taxes. The opposition to these measures was of such a nature as to be a warning to those who believe that payment

of taxes can ever be avoided by procrastination.

At the suggestion of Governor Abbett I prepared a bill which has since become a law, and which will at an early day become a subject of consideration for our Board. By its provisions it will hereafter be necessary to devote ten per cent. of all money assessed by taxation in Jersey City to a sinking fund, which can be used only for the purpose of reducing the bonded debt of the city. With a proper collection of taxes this act must prove of great benefit, and a long step in the direction of the reduction and final extinguishment of our city debt. Its provisions are mandatory as well as wholesome.

"An act to enable cities of this State to furnish better accommodations for their officers and municipal boards as well as the National Guard of the State therein organized," has for its evident object the erection of a new City Hall in Jersey City. That such a building is necessary does not admit of question. The scheme proposed by the act is that certain public buildings, to be selected by the Mayor and Aldermen, shall be sold and the proceeds used for the erection of a new City Hall. The limit of expenditure is fixed at one hundred thousand dollars, and the difference between the cost of the hall, including grounds, and the proceeds of the sale of buildings now owned by the city, is to be obtained by the issue and sale of bonds. The site is to be selected by commissioners, approved by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen. The actions of these commissioners in selecting the site and adopting plans and specifications are subject to the concurrence of this Board. As the provision for the issue of bonds, if any shall be found necessary, is mandatory, after the contract to build shall have been awarded, I would suggest that a committee of this Board should be appointed to consult with the Commissioners when they shall have been selected. If the interest on the bonds to be issued under this act shall be found to be less than the amount now paid for rentals, which would be avoided by the erection of a new City Hall, such a building is desirable on the ground of economy as well as utility; but if the reverse proposition is true, it would seem better that we should suffer our present inconveniences rather than increase the city debt.

During the past four months applications for improvements have been numerous, and many such have been ordered during that time by the Board of Public Works and sent to this Board for concurrence. I have received many letters of complaint, and suppose that each member of the Board has been similarly favored, from those who seem oblivious to the fact that improvements must be paid for as well as ordered. Every improvement ordered means an increase in the debt of the city. A large proportion of payments made to contractors takes the shape of improvement certificates. There is not any provision made for the payment of these certificates, except by assessments for special benefits. The improvement is made; in nine cases out of ten the assessments for special benefits are not paid before the certificates fall due, money must be borrowed to meet the certificates, and the loans thus made grow until they have reached the dignity of a "funded debt." This may be convenient, it may be a pleasant avenue to avoid importunity and abuse, but it is not good government. The remedy is in the hands of this Board. Let the amount to be expended during the ensuing fiscal year, for improvements, be placed in the tax levy. When that amount, in addition to the income from special assessments, is expended, stop and let other improvements wait their turn. If this course had been adopted thirteen years ago, and rigidly adhered to, Jersey City would, to-day, have been favored with good sewers, well-paved streets and only a nominal debt. A glance at the records shows that, in hundreds of cases, petitioners for improvements have allowed their portions of the assessments to remain unpaid for years. Good results would follow a rule requiring those who ask for an improvement to enter into an obligation to pay their assessments if their petition should be granted.

The question of compromising assessments will require most careful attention during the ensuing year. I suggest that the Board should give notice that all applications for compromise of assessments be presented within a limited time—say thirty days. The Board can then devote its entire attention at a series of special meetings to the consideration of the claims of those who allege that they have been injured by assessments imposed prior to 1879.

It would be well for this Board to have frequent consultation with the other departments at an early day to consider questions of the amount necessary to be placed in the next tax levy. Heretofore it has been the custom to insert in the tax levy a sum in gross for reconstruction of streets and sewers. It would seem better that the Chief Engineer should be required to report to this board the names of the streets and sewers in need of reconstruction and the probable expense in each case. The board could then make specific appropriations in addition to a small amount to be used in case of emergency. The price paid by the city for gas is too high and a committee should be appointed to confer with the gas companies on the question of reduced rates. Jersey City needs at least three new school houses, and provision for their erection should be made at once. The questions of improvement of streets, new public buildings—in fact all other questions—sink into insignificance when compared with this one. Several hundred children have been turned from our schools during the past year, because of the insufficiency of accommodations. The children of Jersey City are entitled to a fair education at public cost. To maintain a police force and fail to provide proper schools for all children in our city is to guard against evil on one hand and encourage it upon the other. A municipal government should not light its streets and let the minds of its youth grope in darkness. Let us have good schools, good teachers and good scholars by placing this interest above all others. In fixing the appropriation for the Board of Education the question of distribution of school books should be carefully considered. I am inclined to believe that the custom of furnishing books to children in our schools, free of cost, is not a good one, and that it tends to carelessness on the part of the pupil. The system adopted in the city of Boston will, I believe, be found preferable. There parents are compelled to purchase books for their children. In cases where this would work a hardship books may be supplied by the city, and this manner of supply may be so conducted as not to wound the sensitiveness of the pupil or expose him to comment among his fellows.

The experiment of cleaning our streets by contract, tried in 1882, resulted disastrously to contractor and city, but that method has been so successful in other cities as to warrant another trial here. It might be found to work well if contracts should be

awarded each month for each district. If this idea should meet the approval of the Board I suggest that the amount to be expended each month, in each district, should be inserted in the next tax levy, so that those who pay their portion of the municipal burden may have the gratification of knowing just how, when and where the money is to be expended.

In considering the city debt, I have omitted what is known as the water debt, which amounts to $4,833,000, of which $886,000 fall due within seven years. The bonds falling due bear seven per cent. interest, and there does not seem to exist any reason why at least $200,000 of these bonds should not be retired upon maturity. Let a proper sinking fund be created and applied solely to this purpose, and a good step will have been taken. I cannot too strongly urge upon your attention the necessity of enforcing a prompt payment of water rents. There is now due to the city for water rents over $200,000. The charge for water is a lien upon the premises supplied, but a change of ownership is at any time likely to defeat the right of the city to enforce collection by stopping the supply. Several instances have been brought to my attention in which the failure to collect water rents could be credited to gross carelessness on the part of the city authorities. Take the case of the premises known as the Adirondack Steel Works. There is due to the city from these works the following account of metered water:

Quarter	ending	February 1, 1880.....	$482 87
"	"	May 1, 1880.....	593 87
"	"	August 1, 1880.....	388 12
"	"	November 1, 1880.....	409 87
"	"	February 1, 1882.....	77 37
"	"	May, 1882.....	101 62
Total.....			$2,063 72

This property has passed into the hands of a Receiver. is now occupied by others than those to whom the water was supplied and unless relief is afforded by the Court of Chancery your two thousand dollars which could have been easily collected at the time it was imposed, will be lost to the people. This is one case. I could cite many.

Under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," certain duties are devolved upon the assessors appointed by this Board which should receive great care and attention. By this act it is made the duty of each assessor to certify and send to the State Board of Assessors on or before the second Monday in June the following:

First—A statement showing all property owned by any railroad or canal company in each district not used for railroad or canal purposes. The statement must contain a description of the property and the assessed valuation thereof.

Second—A statement containing a description of all property, in each district, used or owned for railroad or canal purposes, excepting the main stem or road-bed and track, not exceeding one hundred feet in width of each railroad, and excepting the water-way, towing-path and berme-bank, not exceeding one hundred feet, of each canal.

Third—To certify to the State Board the local rate of taxation for county and municipal purposes, when ascertained.

Fourth—Whenever, in any district, there are several branch lines of railroad belonging to or operated under one management. One of said lines will be designated as the main stem, and the others will be included in the return of the assessor.

Blanks will be forwarded to the local assessors by the State Board, and I shall be happy to furnish any information desired at any time by any assessor.

Under this act all property owned by railroad and canal companies and not used for railroad and canal purposes will be assessed and taxed as other property is assessed and taxed.

Upon the valuation of all real estate (except the main stem of each railroad and the water-way of each canal), a local tax, not exceeding one per centum, will be imposed by the State Assessors for the benefit of the city. This tax on real estate will include the road-bed (other than main stem), water-ways, reservoirs, tracks, buildings, water-tanks, water-works, riparian rights, docks, wharves and piers, and all other real estate.

The money received from the taxation of railroad and canal companies, on property used for railroad or canal purposes, will be applied, in Jersey City, to the payment of the city debt and interest, under the following provision of section 14 of the act: "Provided, however, that wherever the local city rate, as fixed and assessed in any city, exceeds one per centum of the rateables of such city, that in such case the comptroller shall transmit to the collector of taxes in said city a certificate showing the amount allotted to such city, and shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer in favor of the Treasurer of such city for said amount; such warrant to be at the disposal of the Board of such city having control of its finances, to be used for the municipal purposes of such city, such amount to be first applied to the payment of the city debt and interest falling due thereon."

As this provision will devote the receipts from taxation of this kind of property in Jersey City to the payment of the bonded debt and interest, the credit of the city will undoubtedly be benefitted by it, beyond the benefit which naturally follows an increase in rateables.

On the 20th of March the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this Board be requested to examine the assessments of property made in the several districts during the four years last past and report to this Board such suggestions as he may see fit concerning any improvement which may be be made in the manner of levying such assessments.

Under this resolution I have examined the assessments made in the different districts receiving valuable assistance from Mr. M. C. Cleveland and City Collector Lore. In the matter of the assessment of personal property the figures returned by the assessors are too low. The recent sessions of this board in the capacity of commissioners of appeals in cases of taxation, disclosed the fact that in many cases, if not in a majority, the assessments for personal property are the result of guess work. The value of the personal property in a building cannot be ascertained by an examination of the outside of the structure. The law has provided a method of ascertainng the value of personalty. Upon demand made by the assessor every person is obliged by section 138 of the city charter to disclose the "amount nature and value" of his personal estate. If he refuses the law provides a penalty for such refusal, and empowers the assessor to assess the property at double its estimated value. In examining the assessment of real estate I have been unable to find any rule upon which the assessments, as a class, are based. The valuations are not upon any fixed per centum of the true value of property. In one street the assessment is upon sixty per centum, in another

on forty, and in the next on ninety or more. The law provides that the assessment shall be made "on valuing property at its fair value."

This means fair market value, and while the assessor is to use his judgment, it does not follow that the elements of carelessness, caprice, fear or favor may effect his decision. That good judgment has not been used in hundreds of cases will be seen by the figures. In one hundred and fifty cases of property which has been sold at *bona fide* sales during the past four years, I find the fair market value to be five hundred and eight thousand dollars, while the assessed value for purposes of taxation is four hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars. Here, then, are one hundred and fifty pieces of property assessed at ninety per centum of their fair market value. This figure would not be too high, nor work injustice if all other property was assessed at the same rate. But the rule is far from uniform, and I find that in the same districts from which I have selected the lots mentioned one hundred and fifty other lots are assessed at four hundred and thirty-nine thousand dollars while their value, as demonstrated by *bona fide* sales during the past four years, is nine hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Here the property is assessed at forty seven and a half per centum of its fair value, or over forty per centum less than in the other cases. These differences must be wiped out. The Assessors should disregard the valuations heretofore made and see that their books contain equal and just valuations. This has always been desirable, but it is more particularly so at present because of a provision in the law for the taxation of railroad and canal property. One of the arguments used against the subjection of that class of property to assessment has been that those whose duty it would be to assess would favor the interests of private owners at the expense of corporations. Section four of the new law above referred to provides "that if the assessed value of the real estate of persons other than railroad and canal corporations in any taxing district where such railroad or canal property may be found, as ascertained by the assessors of such taxing district, is relatively lower than that which has been laid upon land of the several companies in said taxing district, the said Board shall be required to accept said valuation of the assessors for such taxing district as a correct standard of value, and to thereby correct or reduce the separate valuation provided for" on railroad and canal property.

This Board has full power, as Commtssioners of Appeal, to enforce proper assessments upon complaint being made of injustice by the Assessor of any District, and those who are interested in fair dealing and a proper distribution of our municipal burdens should not hesitate to act in the capacity of complainants. I do not deem it justice to censure Assessors for adopting systems which may seem to have been adopted and ratified by custom, but when the attention of an officer is called to an evil in his office it becomes his duty to make correction, and our duty to enforce it.

A. L. McDERMOTT, President.

The report was received, ordered spread in full on the minutes, and the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies authorized to have 2,000 copies printed in pamphlet form.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition from the Overseer of the Poor requesting that provision be made for extra expenditures during the winter of 1883 and 1884, recommending that the same be returned to the Overseer of the Poor, to be by him forwarded to the Board of Aldermen with a statement of such expenditures incurred.

The same committee reported on petitions of James Sullivan and others, requesting payment of their claims for labor performed on streets in 1882, recommending that the same be forwarded to the Board of Public Works for a full statement of said claims, the said labor having been authorized by said Board of Public Works or by a committee thereof.

The same committee reported on the claim of the Franklyn Bank Note Company, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars ($650,00) be paid to the Franklyn Bank Note Company for engraving and printing bonds six per cent issue of 1884.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting this Board to fix the amount of bonds required from W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official bond of Winthrop W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer, be and is hereby fixed at $50,000.

The same Committee reported verbally on communication from the Assessors, recommending that the same be ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The official bond of Winthrop W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Surveying, in the sum of $50,000, with Richard C. Washburne, Patrick H. Nugent, Valentine L. Lary and John M. Shannon as sureties, was presented and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported the official bond of W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer, recommending that the same be approved, spread at large on the Bond Book, and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report the recommendation was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes.—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent.—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 25th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the salary of W. W. Ruggles, Chief Engineer, be and he is hereby fixed at $2,500 per annum, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenberg and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Selaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of

Aprll, 1884, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Traasurer for the payment of salaries for the month of April, 1884, when due, viz:

Isaac W. Tarssig, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
John F. Kelly, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
Wm. Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney	150 00
John T. Van Cleef, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:	
S. D. Dickinson	83 33
John T. M. Kaylor	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
William H. Tuttle	70 00
James B. Connelly	70 00
Charles Freeman	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
Patrick O'Neil, Messenger	60 00
Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
Charles S. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
William H. Powell, Marshal 2d Distriet Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Assessors—	
James F. Gannon, 1st District	125 00
Dennis McLaughlin, 2d District	125 00
Hugh Dugan, 3d District	125 00
Stephen P. Yoe, 4th District	125 00
James T. Lillis, 5th District	125 00
James C. Clarke, 6th District	125 00
The Argus, printing minutes	208 33
The Evening Journal, printing minutes	208 33
Elizabeth Lynch, cleaning rooms in City Hall	30 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning room in City Hall	30 00

The same Committee reported on petition of William H. Corbin, trestee, for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be, and he is hereby authorized to receive from William H. Corbin, trustee, the following assessments, without interest, on lots 6 and 11, block 598, to wit:

Main sewer in Newark Avenue Five Corners to Hackensack River, confirmed 1874	$72.39
Improvements of Newark Avenue Five Corners to Hackensack River, confirmed 1874	58.70
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, confirmed 1877	5.90
Improvement of Newark Avenue Five Corners to Jersey City line, confirmed 1878	6.40

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any and said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null and void and of no effect.

On petition of Bernard Magen:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested and autorized to receive from Bernard Magen, or his representatives, the face value of the following assessments on lot 7 C block 525, without interest:

Improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, confirmed October 16, 1878	$210 00
Lateral sewer, Newark ave., Oakland to Summit avenue, confirmed August 7, 1878	146 00
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, confirmed April 25, 1877	4 50

provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null and void and of no effect.

On petition of Job Falkenburgh.

Resolved, That the City Collector be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, to correct the records in his office on folio 31, Tax book of the Sixth District for the year 1883, in the name of Falkenburgh & Birdsall, as follows:

Blk. 439, lots 10 to 13 Halliday Street, 4 lots $1,200 so as to read blk. 439, lots 10 to 12 Halliday Street, 3 lots $900.

For the reason that lot 13 on new map is located in a different part of the block, and what was known as lot 13 on old map is designated as Plot A. and B. on the new map, and the City Collector is further authorized and requested to correct the valuation of the plot called A. and B., block 439 from $600 to $300. The valuation of $600 being an error according to the certificate of the Assessor attached to the petition.

On Petition of Sarah M. Phillips:

Resolved, That the City Collecter be and he is hereby authorized and requested to receive from Sarah M. Phillips or her representative the face value of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Widening West Grand street, from Mill Creek to Colden Place, on lots 5 and 6, block 352, confirmed March 19, 1874	$ 20 51
Widening Palisade avenue, lots 26 and 25, block 131, confirmed July 15, 1870	16 16
Improving of West Grand street, pile foundation, lots 5 and 6, block 352 confirmed 1874	9 86
Main sewer, section "A," 2d Drinage District, lots 5 and 6, block 352, confirmed 1874	55 58
Improving Palisade avenue, now Summit avenue, Grand to Crawford streets, lots 5 and 6, block 352, confirmed, 1878	18 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $25,000, to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the

City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be applied on account of county taxes for 1883 and 1884.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the action of the Board concurring in a resolution of the Board of Public Works ordering paid $140 and $335 to Julius Jonson & Company for one 20-inch gate, and one 20-inch disk gate, be, and the same is hereby reconsidered. On motion the original matter referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That one printed copy of the minutes of this Board be sent to the members after such meeting, when printed.

The ayes and nays having been called for on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the subject matter contained in the report of President McDermott be referred to a committee of two members.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Wednesday, May 7th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present, President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent, Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were laid over for approval.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Charles H. Russell, receiver for the Knickerbocker Life Insurance Co., for an adjustment of taxes.

Petition of Mary Davey and Henry A. Thomas for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of R. Parsehe of $2.50 for printing Committee cards.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $241.35 for stationary furnished Assessors and City Collector.

Claim of Clarke and Walter of $363.20 for binding books in City Collector's office, and stationery furnished Comptroller's office.

Claim of Herman Castens of $70.00 for supplies furnished City Marshal.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Clerk for canvass cover for record of sale.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Official bond of James Bucken as Constable in the sum of $1,000 with Alexander Spaulding and James Doren as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel, on the official bond of Godfrey G. Dilloway, as constable, reported that the sureties do not justify in a sufficient amount.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel, on the official bond of John Jelly, as constable, reported that the condition does not comply with the statute.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel, on the official bond of Thomas Cogan, reported that the bond is incomplete in its recitations.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel, on the petition of Joseph K. Murray, reported that upon consultation with Collector Love and inspection of assessment map and books in his office, he is satisfied that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted.

The subject matter together with the opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury May 1st to 7th, 1884, both days included, at $319,920.05.

The city Treasurer reported the following total balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day to be $49,355.47.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector, enclosing copy of a judgment in the suit of John Ronede vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, in the U. S. Circuit Court; also, rule to show cause why a mandamus should not issue.

On motion the whole matter was referred to the President for consultation with the legal officers of the city.

The Corporation Council reported the official bond of Peter McGowan as Constable, as drawn in legal form.

The Bond was received and referred to the Committee on Finance on Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Requesting the Board to fix the amount of bonds to be furnished by Charles A. Van Keuren, as City Surveyor.

2. Fixing the salary of Miles F. McCartin, as Water Registrar, at $2,000 per annum, and requesting the Board to fix the amount of bonds required.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $1,300.02.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $2,149.44.

5. Appointment of John C. Walsh, as extra clerk in the Water Department, at $70 per month, term of office to commence June 1, 1884.

6. Appointment of Thomas Quinn, as assistant Tapper, at a salary of $65 per month, term of office to commence May 15, 1884.

7. Appointment of Edward Carpenter, as extra clerk in the Water Department, at a salary of $70 per month, term of office to commence May 15, 1884.

8. Appointmentment of Louis Harwedel, as Tapper, at a salary of $900 per annum.

9. Appointment of P. W. Levering, as Water Assessor, at a salary of $1,600 per annum, term of office to commence May, 16, 1884.

10. Appointment of Charles Conway, as Janitor, at salary of $60 per month, term of office to commence May 15, 1884.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting transfer of balances, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer to the appropriation for elections, 1882-'83, the following balances remaining to the credit of the several committees for said year, to wit:

From out-door poor	$61 30
From printing, stationery and supplies	5 13
From rent of armories and supplies	1 81
From public grounds and buildings	2 72
From District Courts	151 08
Total	$222 04

Said amount to be used for the purpose of paying claims for advertising the notices of registry.

The same committee reported on petition of the American Exchange National Bank, of New York, relative to lost or mislaid coupons, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation do not deem it proper to issue warrants for coupons lost or mislaid by the owners thereof, and take from said owners a bond of indemnity therefor, for the reason that said

coupons are payable to bearer on demand, and when in such cases refused, payment to an innocent holder would involve the city in constant litigation and cause great perplexity to the officers of the city, or their agents, in their frequent payments of coupons for interest due on the funded debt of the city and that no such obligation should be assumed by the city unless upon reasonable proof that such coupons had been destroyed and for the further reason that your committee fail to see wherein a coupon differs from a bank note in the form of its redemption where funds have been deposited for such redemption, but that while the officers of the city or their agents to whom such payments are entrusted should use every effort to aid in the detection of parties who may have originally come into possession of such coupons, yet they should not be held responsible in case of payment, if made any more, than the government of the United States in the payment of its vast amount of coupons issued upon its own bonds while the stoppage of such payments would greatly invalidate the value of such bonds, of which the principal and interest are made payable to bearer, as such may become due.

The same committee reported on petition of August T. Post for payment of lost coupons recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the reasons set forth in relation to lost coupons owned by American Exchange National Bank, of New York; your committee do not deem it expedient to issue warrant for said lost coupons, in the absence of further proof as to destruction of said coupons, and for the further reason that from decisions already made by the courts in the case of lost or stolen bonds, it has been held that the City is liable for their payment in the hands of an innocent holder, and that the city has no right to invite litigation by reason of the carelessness of such as may hold its promises to pay, when such promises to pay are stipulated upon demand and without endorsement.

The same committee reported on the official bonds of Henry F. Crawford and Franklyn D. Crouse as constables recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the Bond Book, and filed.

The same committee reported on petition of James Howell, for cancellation, and return of his official Bond, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation do not deem it within their proper power to cancel or return any bond filed with them for faithful performance of official duty.

The same Committee reported on the report of the City Comptroller showing the bonded and floating debt of Jersey City, April 30, 1884, recommending that the same be placed on file.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of Holihan & Co.:

Resolved, That the sum of $5.00 be paid to Holihan & Co. for one rubber stamp furnished Comptroller's office.

On claim of the Chelsea Ice Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $10.25 be paid to the Chelsea Ice Company for ice delivered at City Hall from March 24th to April 24th, 1884.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $26.00 be paid to The Argus for printing manuals, pages 107 to 119 inclusive.

On claim of William W. Farrier:

Resolved, That the sum of $15.26 be paid to William W. Farrier for gas fixtures, &c., in the office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of John W. Harrison:

Resolved, That the sum of $53.76 be paid to John W. Harrison for stationery furnished offices in City Hall.

On claim of B. B. Davis & Son:

Resolved, That the sum of $31.35 be paid to B. B. Davis & Son for painting, graining, &c., closet in office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of the Hoboken Coal Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $29.75 be paid to the Hoboken Coal Company for five tons of coal delivered at City Hall.

On claim of the American District Telegraph Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $3.97 be paid to the American District Telegraph Company for messenger service for the month of March, 1884.

On claim of the American District Telegraph Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $3.35 be paid to the American District Telegraph Company for messenger service for the month of February, 1884.

On claim of B. F. Corduan:

Resolved, that the sum of $3.50 be paid to B. F. Corduan for locks and keys for closet in office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of B. F. Corduan:

Resolved, That the sum of $3.95 be paid to B. F. Corduan for fitting locks and keys for office door.

On claim of the N. J. Telephone Co.:

Resolved, That the sum of $19.60 be paid to the N. J. Telephone Co. for rent of instrument from January 1st to April 1st, 1884, and tollage.

On claim of A. B. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the sum of $5 be paid to A. B. Reynolds for supplies for office.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by this Board April 24th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of two 20-100 dollars, to transfer that amount from August, 1883, interest account to general account, be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void and the City Clerk be requested to cancel the warrant.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of two 20-100 dollars to transfer that amount from general account to August, 1883, interest account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board, with assent of the President, be directed to obtain four desks for the use of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation, said desks to be provided with proper locks and keys for the sole use of the members occupying the same.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to give notice in the official papers that parties wishing to compromise assessments levied prior to January 1st, 1879, are requested to present to the Board of Finance and Taxation before the first day of June, 1884, a petition setting forth the nature of the assessment and the grounds upon which said assessment should be compromised.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenhimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, May 14, 1884, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

In the absence of the President and Clerk the Board was called to order by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore and John T. M. Kaylar elected to act as Clerk pro tempore.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Babbit & Lawrence, attorneys, requesting payment of a judgment obtained by John Ronede against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The following petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Mellissa Clark, Michael D. Vreeland, Susanna Deitering, Wm. H. Corbin, trustee, A. W. Fry, William Machold and the Home for Aged Women.

Petition of Eliza McDonald, administratrix of the estate of Goggins, deceased, for return of money paid in error on water rents.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of a Committee appointed by the Taxpayers' Association, of Greenville, requesting the Board to concur in the improvements of Danforth and Linden avenues.

Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $38 for printing manuals, pages 1 to 19 inclusive.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury May 8th to 14th, 1884, both days included, at $45,310 91.

The City Treasurer reported the following total balance credited to all the accounts in the City Depositories at the close of business this day at $76,272.22.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Official bond of Frank Meyer as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Windecker and Michael D. Vreeland as sureties.

Official bond of John Jelly as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with Charles Turner and Frederick Payne as sureties.

Official bond of James Nichols as Overseer of the Poor, in the sum of $5,000, with Frederick Payne and Charles Turner as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel reported the official bonds of John Feeney and Thomas Cogan as Constables as drawn in legal form.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners inviting this Board to accompany them on their annual inspection.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works inviting the members to accompany them on a tour of inspection of the Jersey City Water Works and the Passaic River.

Both the above matters were received, accepted and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Public Works enclosing tariff of rates and rules for the use of the Passaic water. Received and referred to the President.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing Committee to lay 400 feet of water pipe in Danforth avenue, from Old Bergen Road westerly, on application of John Effray and others.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for repairing water pipe for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $792.30.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for laying water pipe for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $1,111.32.

On motion the Board took a recess of 15 minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the official bond of Godfrey G. Dillaway as Constable, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bond of Godfrey G. Dillaway as Constable referred to your Committee at the last meeting be returned to said Dillaway as not properly drawn, and that the bond presented by him at this meeting with Adolph Luck and Henry Mahnken as sureties, be approved and filed, said bond bearing thereon the endorsement of the Corporation Counsel as having been drawn in legal form.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Henry Mades, recommending that the same be approved and filed when endorsed by the Corporation Counsel as drawn in legal form.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Thomas Cogan, recommending that the same be returned as improperly drawn.

The same committee reported on the official bond of John Jelly, recommending that the same be returned to him as improperly drawn.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Peter McGowan, recommending that the same be returned for correction.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 8, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $1,111.32, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 8, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $792.30, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 5, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $1,300.02, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 5, 1884,

as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $2,149.44, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz and Heppenheimer.

Nays—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the vote on the pay rolls of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, also the pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments be reconsidered, and referred back to the proper Committee.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 5th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $2,149.44, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works May 5th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $1,300.02, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Datz.

Absent—President McDermott.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of Joseph Taylor Craw:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from Joseph Taylor Craw or representative the face value of the following assessments without interest, to wit: on lots 26 and 25, block 663.

Sewer in Columbia street, Ocean ave. to N. and N. Y. R. R., confirmed February 26, 1874..... $165 58

Improvement West Grand street pile foundation, confirmed May 20, 1874 13 14

Main sewer First Drainage District, comfirmed February 28, 1874..... 46 32

Provided all other assessment and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Mary Davey:

Resolved, That the City Collector be, and is hereby, authorized to receive from Mary Davey or her representatives the face value of the following assessments without interest, to wit:

Imp. of Hoboken avenue, confirmed April 25, 1877, on lots 31 to 39, inclusive, block 523, lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26, block 837, amounting to..... $196 75

Imp. Hoboken avenue, confirmed April 25, 1877, lots 66 to 57, inclusive, block 837, amounting to..... 145 00

Imp. of Hoboken avenue, April 25, 1877, on lots 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 36,38,40,42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 57, 58, 59, 60, 3P, 2P and 1P, block 837, amounting to..... 173 50

Provided all other taxes and assessments due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution; otherwise, the resolution to be null et void, and of no effect.

On petition of Theresa Hammerschlag:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested and authorized to receive from Theresa Hammerschlag or her representative the face value of the following assessment on lots 18, 19 and 20, block 732, without interest, to wit:

Main sewer in Bower street, confirmed Dec. 4, 1878..... $270 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of George A. Forster:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested to reduce the valuation of lot 11, block 635, Ege avenue, Sixth District, for the year 1883, assessed to Joseph Duncan, from $800 to $500, for the reason that the Assessor in making the assessment for said year assessed the property as having a house thereon, whereas, according to the certificate of the Assessor attached to the petition, it should be assessed as a vacant lot at a valuation of $500.

On petition of John G. Morse:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel on the books in his office the personal tax assessed to John G. Morse, at No. 319 Communipaw avenue, on lot 20, block 493, for the year 1883, as per certificate of the Assessor attached to the petition.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of R. Parsche:

Resolved, That the sum of $2.50 be paid to R. Parsche for printing committe cards.

On claim of Herman Castens:

Resolved, That the sum of $70 be paid to Herman Castens for supplies furnished City Marshal.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, The Citizens' Association have appointed a committee to meet the Board of Finance and Taxation on matters touching the cleaning of the streets and sewers of Jersey City, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation will meet said committee on Monday evening next, at the Aldermanic Chamber, at 7:30 o'clock, and that the members of the Board of Public Works be requested to be present at such conference.

Mr. Jordan moved to amend the resolution by substituting Wednesday evening for Monday evening.

The ayes and nays having been called on the amendment it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—President McDermott.

The original motion, as amended, was then put and carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—President McDermott.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR,
Clerk, pro tem.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, May 21st, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Board took a recess to hear a committee from the Citizens' Association on the cleaning of the streets and sewers of Jersey City.

The Board re-assembled, all the members present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from C. Schuhl, Klumpp & Bartleman, Thomas Davenport, William H. Corbin, Receiver of the Union Bank; George Duncan, Henry Croydon, Daniel Van Winkle and R. C. Washburne.

Petition of Anna E. Miller to have tax sale cancelled.

Petition of the Jersey City Fire Insurance Company for compromise of taxes and assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Franklyn Bank Note Company of $260 for altering bond plate and printing bonds.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $5.93 for messenger service for the month of April, 1884.

Claim of John J. Corbett of $142.98 for printing 2,000 copies of President's report and stationery furnished offices in City Hall.

Claim of Clark & Co. of $35.50 for stationery furnished City Comptroller's office.

Claim of the Argus of $30 for advertising assessment notices.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald for $17 for advertising Assessors' notices

Claim of the New Jersey Freie Presse of $17 for advertising Assessors' notices.

Claim of Wm. J. Klee of $9.60 for supplies furnished City Marshal.

Claim of Wood & Menagh of $5 for mica for stoves in City Hall.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Bentley, & Hartshorne of $21.80 for taxed costs in the case of Almena M. Culver et al. vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Claim of Bentley & Hartshorne of $7.57 for taxed costs in the case of the Provident Institution for Savings and Martin B. Allen vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Claim of Bentley & Hartshorne of $25.90 for taxed costs in the case of The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and the Provident Institution for Savings, on appeal from Chancery.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Collector, received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Official bond of Frank Meyer as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Windecker and Michael D. Vreeland, as sureties.

Official bond of Frederick J. Mersheimer as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with William C. Kern and Fred. Heintze, as sureties.

Both the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, May 15th to 21st, 1884, both days included to be $34,459.48.

The City Treasurer reported the following total balance credited to all the accounts in the City Depositories at the close of business this day to be $93,742.03.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reporting the collections to Saturday, May 17, 1884, to be $241.44.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney, stating that in the case of John H. Keeney vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City the judgment of the District Court has been reversed by the Court of Common Pleas, and judgment given in favor of the city; also the judgment in favor of John Knoop vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City has been sustained by the Court of Common Pleas.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

The opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the petition of St. Michael's Catholic Church for cancellation of taxes, was received, and together with the subject matter, referred to the President.

Resignation of John T. Van Cleef, as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen in reference to improvement of public parks of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Rescinding resolution appointing Thomas Quinn assistant to tapper at a salary of $65 per month.
2. Rescinding resolution appointing Charles Conway as janitor at a salary of $60 per month.
3. Rescinding resolution appointing John C. Walsh extra clerk in the Water Department at a salary of $70 per month
4. Rescinding resolution appointing Edward Carpenter as extra clerk in the Water Department at a salary of $70 per month.
5. Rescinding resolution appointing P. W. Levering Water Assesor at a salary of $1,600 per annum.
6. Fixing the salary of the Water Assessor at $1,600 per annum.
7. Fixing the salary of the two extra clerks in the Water Department at $70 per month.
8. Fixing the salary of the janitor at $60 per month.
9. Fixing the salary of the assistant tapper at $65 per month.
10. Appointing extra clerks and assistants in the Water Department and fixing the salary at $2.50 per day.
11. Authorizing committee to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering at Belleville and High Service pumping stations about 7,000 gross tons of anthracite coal.
12. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board re-assembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the official bonds of John E. Scott as City Clerk, John Feeney, Thomas Cogan and

John Jelly as Constables, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The same committee reported on the official bond of James Bucken as Constable, recommending that the same be not approved for the reason that the bond was not filed within the time as prescribed by law, and that the Clerk of this Board notify the Board of Aldermen to that effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports, they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of William H. Corbin, trustee:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed and authorized to receive from William H. Corbin, trustee, or his representatives, the face value of the following assessments without interest to wit:

Improvement Newark avenue, Five Corners to Hackensack river, 1874, lots 7 and 8, block 598	$244 62
Improvement Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878, lots 15 E, 15 F, 9, 10, 7 and 8, block 598	25 20
Improvement Hoboken avenue, 1876, lots 14E, 15F, 9, 10, 7 and 8, block 598	25 40
Main sewer in Newark avenue, Five Corners to Hackensack river, lots 15E, 15F, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 598, 1874	281 46

On petition of C. Schuhl:

Resolved, That the City Collector be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from C. Schuhl or representative the face value of the following assessment, without interest, to wit:

Sewer in Prospect street, Palisade to Oakland avenue, 1878, on lots 101, 100, and 99, block 709	$345
Flagging, paving, curbing and grading Palisade avenue, Hoboken, to New York avenue, 1878, lots 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, block 709	30
Sewer in Palisade avenue and Waverly street, 1878, lots 101, 100, 99, 98, 97 and 102, block 709	120

Provided, all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Klumpp & Bartleman:

Resolved, That the City Collector be, and is hereby directed and requested to receive from Klumpp & Bartleman, or their representative, the face value of the following assessments on lots 64, 65 and 66, block 661, without interest:

Lateral sewer in Grove Street from Ocean to Bergen Avenue, 1874	$481.89
Main sewer First Drainage District, 1874	66.00
Improvement West Grand Street Pile Foundation, 1874	17.91

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Michael D. Vreeland:

Resolved, That the City Collector be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from Michael D. Vreeland, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments without interet, to-wit:

Establishing Grade on Mandeville avenue, lot 12, block 112, 1870	$16 78
Improvement, Mandeville avenue, Bergen to West Side, lot 12½, block 528½, 1870	105 20

Provided, all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise, the resolution to be null and void, and of no effect.

On petition of The Home for Aged Women.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed and authorized to receive from The Home for Aged Women, or its representative the face value of the following assessmen s, on lot 1, block 280, without interest, to wit:

Improvement, Bergen avenue, Communipaw to Montgomery street, 1878.	$356 00
Improvement, grading, &c., Bergen avenue, N. & N. Y. plank road to N. J. R. R., 1871	135 92
Improvement, Fairview avenue, Monticello avenue, 1,000 feet west of Bergen avenue, 1873	208 94

Provided, all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null and void, and of no effect.

On petition of A. W. Fry:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed and authorized to receive from A. W. Fry, or his representative, the sum of $278.96, being balance due on lot 32, block 162, without interest, for the opening of Dey street; confirmed February 10th, 1870; provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William Machold:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed and authorized to receive from William Machold, or his representative, the face value of the following assessment on lot 58, block 62, without interest, to wit:

Broadway street stairway, 1870	$11 75

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of St. Bridget's Catholic Church:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and requested to receive from St. Bridget's Catholic Church or its representative the face value of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Flagging, curbing and grading Montgomery street from Jersey avenue to Mill Creek, 1878, lots 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, block 380	$358 00
Paving Montgomery street, Jersey avenue to Mill Creek, 1878, lots 32, 31, 30, 29, 28 and 27, block 380	550 00
Sewer in Mercer street, between Gilbert and Putnam, 1871, on lots 5 and 6, 4, 3 and 2, block 380	$325 00
Widening Montgomery street, between Jersey avenue and the centre of Mill creek, 1874, lot 27, block 380	244 30

Sewer in Gilbert street, 150 feet south from centre line of Mercer street, to connect with Mercer street sewer, 1871, on lots 1 and 32, block 380..... 352 62
Montgomery street opening, 1864, lots 27 and 6, block 380..... 80 80

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and, provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The President called Mr. Datz to the chair.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized and directed to receive from the Bergen Savings Bank or its representative, the face value of the following a sessments on lot 19, block 516, without interest, to wit:

Nicholson pavement on West Grand street..... $143 25
Main sewer, Section "A," 2d drainage dsstrict..... 139 25
Imp. West Grand street, pile foundation..... 6 40
Widening Communipaw avenue..... 8 11
Widening Grand street..... 90 85

All other taxes and assessments and water rents due on said property to be paid in full, with interest, costs and penalties on lot K-24, block 521, the following assessments without interest:

Extension of Clinton avenue..... $101 00
Sewer in Clinton avenue..... 83 35
Imp. of Clinton avenue..... 60 00
Vacation of Hilton street..... 20 16

All other taxes, assessments and water rents to he paid in full with interest, costs and penalties.

On part of plot 1, block 515, all taxes, assessments and water rents to be paid in full with accrued interest, costs and penalties.

On lot 7, block 665, the following assessments without interest.

Main sewer, First Drainage District.. $30 17
Sewer in Grove street..... 129 77
Improvement of Grove street..... 161 61

All other taxes, assessments and water rents due on said property to be paid in full with interest, costs and penalties; provided however all the above payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That the time for receiving petitions from parties desiring a compromise of assessments, be extended to July 1st, 1884.

By Mr. McDermott, and carried:

Moved, That the Board of Public Works be requested to instruct the Engineering Bureau to furnish the Assessors of the several Districts with whatever information may be necessary in regard to the assessment of property of corporations, &c.

By Mr. McDermott, and carried:

Moved, That the resignation of John T. Van Cleef as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation, be accepted.

Mr. McDermott moved to proceed to the election of a clerk to fill tne vacancy, and nominated George F. McAneny.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Jordan and Heppenheimer to act as tellers.

One ballot was had resulting as follows:

George F. McAneny received three votes. Two blank votes were cast.

George F. McAneny having received a majority of the votes cast was duly declared elected clerk.

By Mr. McDermott and carried:

Moved, That the salary of the Clerk of this Board be fixed at $1,200 per annum.

By Mr. McDermott:

Moved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Otto J. Witsch, an ex-member of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

The Chair appointed as such committee President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, May 28th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting were dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from George R. Lawrence, Eleanor C. Speer, Elizabeth Van Vorst and Mrs. E. E. Powers, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries. Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the City Marshall requesting the return of a desk in possession of the clerk. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Communication from Martin Ward, offering to clean the paved streets and the sewers of Jersey City, and remove the garbage, for the year ending June 1, 1885, for the sum of $35,000.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from John S. De Hart, offering to sell on commission the six per cent. 20-year bonds of Jersey City, due in 1904.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Deutz Brothers of $28 for printing letter and note heads for Board of Finance and Taxation; claim of Charles H. Scott of $5.03 for putting on wire doors and carpenter work in City Hall; claim of R. Tarsche of $6 for printing blank tax sales.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the following total balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day at $77,614.79.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, May 22d to 28th, 1884, both days included, at $36,817.46.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector in reference to a sale made May 19, 1884, of property belonging to Mayer Brothers, for unpaid taxes of 1882; also a receipt from J. R. Van Syckle for the storage of the goods sold. The matter was received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education, requesting this Board to accompany them on a tour of inspection of the public schools of Jersey City.

The resolution was received, ordered filed, and the Board appointed June 9, 1884, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer of $5,000 from the appropriation for Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to streets and sewers, fiscal year 1883–4, for the purpose of cleaning and repairing the streets and sewers.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay Roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of May, 1884, amounting to $1,173.36

2. Rescinding resolutions for improvements of certain streets.

3. Ordering paid an award of $246.60 to Annie E. and Wm. M. Pearsall for land taken for sewer in Glenwood avenue.

4. Ordering paid an award of $298 to John Jones and others for land taken for sewer in Glenwood avenue.

5. Opening of a street to be called Winfield avenue, from Ocean to Garfield avenue.

6. Opening of a street, to be called Clark avenue, between old Bergen Road and Ocean avenue.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claims of Bentley & Hartshorne for taxed costs, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of $7.57 be paid to Bentley & Hartshorne, attorneys, for taxed costs in the suit of the Provident Institution for Savings vs. Martin B. Allen, in Chancery of N. J.

Resolved, That the sum of $25.90 be paid to Bentley & Hartshorne, attorneys, for taxed costs in case of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, appellants, and the Provident Institution for Savings of Jersey City respondent.

Resolved, That the sum of $21.80 be paid to Bentley & Hartshorne for taxed costs in case of Alemena M. Culver vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen in reference to public parks of Jersey City, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that the Committee on Finance and Claims of this Board will meet with the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the Board of Aldermen at such time as may be designated by them, for the purpose of visiting said parks and determining what action is possible to improve the same.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Frank Meyer as Constable, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the Bond Book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

On motion the Board took a recess for 15 minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 15th, 1883, receiving the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the application in writing of D. S. Manners for the improvement of the south half of Grand street from the west side of Grove street to the east side of Jersey avenue, and directing the Commissioners of Assessment with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey to make an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling and amount of work to be done and materials to be furnished, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation

Resolved, That the following resolution

adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 28th, 1883, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the sum of $246.60 be paid to Annie E. Pearsall and Wm. M. Pearsall, her husband, in full for compensation for lands taken for sewer in Glenwood avenue, said amount having been reported thereon by the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of Hudson County to condemn said lands and said amount confirmed by said court aforesaid, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 28th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the sum of $298 be paid to Alice Jones and John Jones, her husband, Nellie Boland and Wm. Hall, in full for compensation for lands taken for sewer in Glenwood avenue, said amount having been reported thereon by the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of Hudson County to condemn said lands, said amount confirmed by the Court aforesaid, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 17th, 1884, accepting the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers, upon the application of Lewis Pattberg for the improvement of Sherman Place from Central avenue to Sanford Place, and requesting the Commissioners of Assessment, with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey, to make and report an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling and amount of work to be done and of the materials to be furnished for the making and completion of the said improvment, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of the South Bergen Reformed Church:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cancel on the books in his office the taxes of 1883, on 50 feet of Bergen avenue and 100 feet of Union street, block 553, valued at $1,000 assessed to the South Bergen Reformed Church, for the reason that the property is used for church purposes and according to law is exempt.

On petition of Anna E. Miller:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to cancel of record on the books in his office the sale made July 26th, 1869, for sewering, regulating and paving Newark avenue, from Warren to Grove street, on petition of Anna E. Miller, on the following described property:

On lot 18, block 47..... $11 55
" 60, " 11 55

Provided that the said Anna E. Miller shall file with the City Clerk a bond of indemnity in the sum of five thousand dollars, with such sureties and in such form as the Corporation Counsel may approve.

On Petition of Joseph K. Murray:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cancel of record the following assessment, to wit:

Grading and flagging Summit avenue Lot, Assessors' No. B. B, 200x200, Block 198 B, amounting to..... $156 53

For the reason that the said assessment is a duplicate one, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition, the original assessment having been paid to John J. Gaffney.

On petition of Thomas Parker:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby requested to cancel Poll tax assessed to Thomas Parker, for the year 1883, on lot 10, block 826, No. 19 Lincoln street, for the reason that the said Thomas Parker is not a resident of Jersey City, and not liable to be assessed for poll tax.

On petition of Joseph Godfrey:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to cancel the sales made to the City Treasurer of lots 5 and 6, block B. Assessed to "Welsh," and sold for unpaid taxes of 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1879, it being a duplicate assessments for said years, and paid by the owner according to receipted bills attached to the petition; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be instructed to cancel taxes levied against said property for the year 1880, it being a duplicate assessment and paid by the owner.

On petition of William H. Corbin, Receiver.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from William H. Corbin, Receiver of the Union Bank, the face value of the following assessments on lot 31, block 720, without interest, to wit:

Main sewer in Bowers street, 1878.. $90 00

Provided, all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Richard C. Washburne.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to received from Richard C. Washburne, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on Lot Assessors No.3, block 448, or 287, without interest.

Newark avenue cobble stone pavement, 1870..... $20 77

Provided, all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Susanna Deitering.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Susanna Deitering or her representative the face value of the following assessments to wit:

Extension of Warren street, Hoboken city line, 1871, on lot No. 264, block 782..... $1 76
Extending Warren street from east side Paterson plank road to Hoboken city line, 1871, lots 197-198, block 783..... 4 37
Extension Warren street, Hoboken city line, 1871, lot 261, block 782..... 2 32

Provided all other assessment and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Thomas Davenport:

Resolved, that the City Collector be and is

hereby authorized to receive from Thomas Da-
venport or his representative the face value of
the following assessment on lots 16 and 17,
block 732, without interest to wit:
Main sewer in Bowers street, 1878.....$180 00
Provided that all other assessments and taxes
due on said property are paid in full, with in-
erest and costs, if any; and provided, further,
hat said payments are made within twenty
days from the date of the passage of this reso-
ution, otherwise the resolution to be null et
oid and of no effect.
On petition of Henry Croydon.
Resolved, That the City Collector be and is
hereby authorized to receive from Henry Croy-
don or representatives the face value of the fol-
owing assessment on lot 189, block 234, without
nterest to wit
Twin sewer in Grand street, from Mill
creek to Grove street, confirmed 1878..$135 00
Provided all other assessments and taxes due
n said property are paid in full, with interest
nd costs, if any, and provided further, that
aid payments are made within twenty days
rom the date of the passage of this resolution,
therwise the resolution to be null et void
nd of no effect.
On petition of George Duncan,
Resolved, That the City Collector be and he
is hereby authorized to receive from George
Duncan or his representative the face value of
he following assessment on lots 76 and 78,
lock 169, without interest:
Widening of Montgomery street, be-
tween Jersey avenue and the centre
of Mill Creek, 1874..... $137.77
Provided all other assessments and taxes due
n said property are paid in full, with interest
nd costs, if any, and provided further that
aid payments are made within twenty days
rom the date of the passage of this resolution,
therwise the resolution to be null et void
nd of no effect.
On petition of Daniel Van Winkle,
Resolved, That the City Collector be and he
is hereby authorized to receive from Daniel
Van Winkle or his representative the face
alue of the following assessment on lot pt. 9,
lock 125, without interest, to wit:
mprovement of Academy street, Ton-
nelle avenue, from N. J. R. R. to old
Jersey City line, 1878..... $465
Provided all other assessments and taxes due
n said property are paid in full, with interest
nd costs, if any, and provided further that
aid payments are made within twenty days
rom the date of the passage of this resolution,
herwise the resolution to be null et void
nd of no effect.
On petition of Henry A. Thomas:
Resolved, That the City Collector be and he
is hereby authorized to receive from Henry A.
Thomas or his representative the face value of
he following assessments on lots 30 and 31,
lock 198 A, without interest, to wit: Regulat-
g, grading and flagging Summit avenue, 1869,
0.90; Broad street stairway, 1870, $15.50,
rovided all other assessments and taxes due on
aid property are paid in full, with interest and
osts, if any; and provided further, that said
ayments are made within twenty days from
e date of the passage of this resolution,
herwise the resolution to be null et void and
no effect.
On petition of John Lawless:
Resolved, That the City Collector be and is
reby authorized and directed to receive from
ohn Lawless or his representative the face value
the following assessments on lot 12, block
6, without interest, to wit: Improvement
ewark, Five Corners, to old J. C. line, 1878,
.60; improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877,
$141.18, provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The same Committee reported the salary list for the month of May, 1884, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of May, 1884, when due, viz.:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
John F. Kelly, City Comptroller	200 00
James H Love, City Collector	200 00
William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney	150 00
John T. Van Cleef, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
Geo. R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
S. D. Dickinson, Clerk to Collector	88 33
John T. M. Kaylar, " "	70 00
Lewis E. Smith, " "	70 00
Charles Krebs, " "	70 00
James E. Connolly, " "	70 00
Charles Freeman, " "	70 00
William H. Tuttle, " "	70 00
Patrick O'Neill, Messenger	60 00
Charles S. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
Thomas K. Halstead, Clerk to City Clerk	75 00
N. E. Feury, Clerk to City Clerk	75 00
R. L. Hudson, Clerk to City Clerk	66 66
James F. Gannon, Assessor 1st Dist.	125 00
Dennis McLaughlin, " 2d "	125 00
Hugh Dugan, " 3d "	125 00
Stephen P. Yoe, " 4th "	125 00
James T. Lillis, " 5th "	125 00
James C. Clarke, " 6th "	125 00
The Argus, printing minutes	208 33
The Evening Journal, printing minutes	208 33
Elizabeth Lynch, cleaning rooms in City Hall	30 00
Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall	30 00

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $5,000 to transfer that amount from general to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of June, 1884, interest account.

On general account	$14,482 12
On general account to pay interest on asssessment bonds	45,500 00
On water account	8,680 00

The ayes and nays having been called on the bove resolutions, they were adopted by the llowing vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Heppen-eimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

By Mr. Jordan :

Resolved, That Jarvis P. Wanser be and he hereby appointed Clerk in the City Clerk's fice at a salary of $800 per annum, term of fice to date from May 1st, 1884, and to con-nue at the pleasure of the Board.

By Mr. Jordan :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the ity Treasurer in favor of Jarvis P. Wanser r the sum of $66.66, being in full for his sal-ary as Clerk in the City Clerk's office, for the month of May, 1884.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—President McDermott.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried :

Moved, That the time allowed the Syndicate for the purchase of bonds be extended for 30 days from the time of expiration of the former extension.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, June 4th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Brian McGinnis, Jules T. Vinot, John B. Bruns, William Bleecker, William B. Van Vorst; McGill & Taylor, attorneys, and Daniel Van Winkle, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries. Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Michael Doyle protesting against the use of his name as bondsman in a communication presented at the last meeting by Martin Ward in reference to the cleaning of the streets and sewers.

Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John T. Van Cleef of $32.50 for disbursements as Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Clerk and Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation, both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The Corporation Counsel reported as drawn in legal form the official bonds of James Nichols as Overseer of the Poor, and Frederick Mersheimer as Constable, both of which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Menzies C. Cleveland, Agent for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Tax, reported the receipts for the two weeks ending May 31st, 1884, to be $215.57.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, May 29th to June 4th, 1884, both days included, at $23,-606.35.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting this Board to accompany them on a tour of inspection of the station houses and hospital.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Authorizing Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to repair Cornish Engine No. 6, at a cost not to exceed $10,000.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for 15 minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer, recommending the adaption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $5,000 from the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers, fiscal year 1883 and '84 to the account of streets and sewers, same year, for the purpose of cleaning and repairing streets and sewers.

The same committee reported on claim of John T. Van Cleef for disbursements, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John T. Van Cleef for the sum of $32.50, being disbursements incurred by him as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of Jules T. Vinot,

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from Jules T. Vinot, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lots 16 to 19, block 518, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Newark avenue Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878.	$40.00
Improvement of Hoboken ave., 1877..	7.00

Provided, all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Brian McGinness:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from Brian McGinness or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 3, block 428, without interest to wit:

Grading, flagging, curbing and paving Wayne street, from Colgate to Merseles street, 1878.....	$87 00
Extension and opening of Wayne street 1874.....	7 80

Provided all other assessment and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Elleanor C. Speer :

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Elleanor C. Speer or her representative the face value of the following assessments on lots Assessors Nos. 97, 98 and 99, block 414, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874.....	$18 23
Main sewer, Section "A" Second Drainage District.....	367 70

Provided, all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On Petition of William Whyte:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from William Whyte, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments, without interest:

Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lots Nos. 23 and 23, block 526.....	$14 00
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877, lots Nos. 23 and 23, block 526.....	464 94
Widening Hoboken avenue, from Palisade avenue to Hoboken City line, lots Nos. 23 and 23 A, block 526, 1874	11 88

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of The Jersey City Fire Insurance Company:

Resolved, That the petition of The Jersey City Fire Insurance Company for compromise of taxes be not granted, for the reason that your Committee do not deem it to be for the best interest of the city, as the compromise of assessment is alone authorized by law.

On petition of Charles H. Russell, Receiver:

Resolved, That the petition of Charles H. Russell, Receiver of the Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company, for compromise of taxes, be not granted, for the reason that your committee do not deem it to be for the best interest of the city to compromise taxes.

On communication from the City Collector:

Resolved, That the communication from the City Collector in reference to the sale made by the corporation of Jersey City of fifty packages of tobacco, the property of Mayer Brothers, for personal taxes for the year 1882; also, the receipt of J. R. Van Syckle attached to the communication be referred to the City Treasurer.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The President called Mr. Datz to the chair.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) on account of county tax, as follows:

On account of tax of 1874	$25 000
On account of tax of 1875	10 000
On account of tax of 1877	50 000
On account of tax of 1878	15 000
On account of tax of 1881	10,000
On account of tax of 1882	40,000

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That the District Attorney of New York County, State of New York, be and he is hereby authorized in connection with the Corporation Attorney of Jersey City, and John Crook, Special Attorney, to cancel the five Jersey City bonds held by the State authorities of New York and belonging to Jersey City, the said bonds so cancelled to be returned to this Board and kept in the custody of the Treasurer of Jersey City subject to the order of the proper authorities of New York who may desire to use said bonds in evidence.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to notify the different Boards constituting the government of Jersey City to send to this Board an estimate of appropriations required by them for the proper maintenance of the various departments for the next fiscal year.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be invited to attend all meetings of this Board to be held, for the purpose of fixing the tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board give notice, to be published once a week for two weeks, in the official papers, that the city will sell, in the manner provided by law, all lands upon which taxes of 1880–81 remain unpaid on the 30th day of June, inst.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Moved and carried, That the resolution adopted May 21st, 1884, and through an error omitted from the minutes, be reconsidered.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are tendered to Mr. John T. Van Cleef, the retiring Clerk, for the faithful, discreet and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office for the past eight years, and that we tender him our earnest desire for his happiness in the new and important trust to which he has been chosen.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By President McDermott and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Saturday, June 7th, 1884, at 8:30 o'clock, a. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Saturday, June 7th, 1884, at one o'clock, p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) to transfer that amount from Water Account to General Account, to return part of a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty-two dollars and ten cents ($1,652 10) on account of county tax of 1883-84.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday June 11th, 1884, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Patrick J. Condon, William Loft, George P. Howell, P. R. Byrnes, Est of French, Est of Tise, George Heck, Rev. S. M. Rice, John True, and E. Mullford.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from John H. Moody, requesting the Board to concur in the improvement of Cottage street.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from William H. Corbin, attorney, requesting payment of a judgment obtained by John Knoop vs. the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $22 for printing manuals, pages 20 to 30.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $6.63 for messenger service, month of May, 1884.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk for printing.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the City Collector, enclosing copy of a mandamus served upon him in the case of John Ronade vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received, and referred to the President.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board a schedule of amount due to Amelia Childs for rebate on assessment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of May, 1884, amounting to $273.69.

2. Pay-roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of May, 1884, amounting to $2,160.57.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for month of May, 1884, amounting to $925.80.

4. Improvement of Central avenue, from the north side of Bowers street to the north side of Congress street.

5. Construction of a sewer in Glenwood avenue, from 75 west of Bergen avenue to a point 1,070 feet west thereof.

6. Ordering paid $46.09 to Myles Tierney for retained per centage on contract No. 363 for repaving Communipaw avenue and Grand street.

7. Ordering paid claim of Michael Shannon of $1,388.66, being retained per centage on contract No. 373, for repaving Jersey avenue from Newark avenue to Eighth street.

8. Ordering paid claims of extra Clerks.

9. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for 15 minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the official bond of James Nichols as Overseer of the Poor, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 25, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the application of William Lawdham for the construction of a sewer in Jefferson avenue, from a point 75 feet west of Palisade avenue, to and connecting with a sewer in Oakland avenue, and referring the same to the Commissioners of Assessment, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works March 24, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the petition in writing of Frank L. Clark and others presented to this Board on the 10th day of March, 1884, for the opening, widening and changing as to boundaries of a street called Vreeland street, from the south line of Grand street to Bay View avenue, be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board, which hereby declares that it favors said petition and the same is hereby referred to the Commissioners of Assessment, and the Chief Engineer, he being a discreet surveyor not interested in said improvement, to be proceeded with according to law be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works May 19, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering at Belleville and High Service Pumping Stations, about 7,000 gross tons of Anthracite coal, from either of the following named mines: Fulton, Old Company Lehigh, Lattimer, Sugar Loaf, Packer No. 4, Spring Mountain, or from other mines of equal quality, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation. The same committee reported verbally on two pay rolls to the Committee on Extension and Distriubtions both for the month of April, 1884, one of $792.30 for "repairing water pipe and the other of $1,111.32 for laying water pipe," recommending that both be referred to the Chief Engineer, with a request that he furnish this Board with the information as to when and where the water pipe was laid.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs, Datz,

Hardenberg and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition for compromise of Assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of William B. Van Vorst:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from William B. Van Vorst or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 58, block 793, without interest, to wit:

Improving Lexington avenue (now Sherman avenue) from South to North street, 1878.....$ 67 00

Extending of Warren street, from east side of Paterson Plank road to Hoboken City line, 1871..... 2 33

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of E. Mulford:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from E. Mulford or his representative the face value of the following assessment on lot 4, block 527, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878.... $346

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided, further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William Bleecker:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from William Bleecker or his representative the face value of the following assessment on lot part 18 and 19, block 410, without interest, to wit:

Sewer in Bergen avenue, Brinkerhoff to Harrison street, 1878..... $660

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of John B. Bruns:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John B. Bruns or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 81, block 661, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of west Grand street, pile foundation, 1874, $5.57.

Main sewer in first drainage district, 1874, $105.28.

Improvement of Grove street, Ocean to Bergen avenue, 1871, $162.50.

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void, and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be requested to advertise for bids for laying water pipe, heretofore ordered by that Board, and to be hereafter ordered.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Wednesday, June 18th, 1884, at eight o'clock, p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion of the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Jules T. Vinot, J. W. Ferdon, L. A. Brigham, attorney for Emma A. Hamil, Edward Culver, Phillip Tumulty, Benjamin Van Keuren, C. C. Jewell, and James T. Foster, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the American Water and Gas Pipe Company in reference to the purchase of the main which supplies Bayonne with water.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Isaac Romaine of $33.80 for taking testimony in the case of the Pennsylvania Railroad vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Claim of Isaac Romaine of $55 for taking testimony in city cases.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Claim of Charles S. Clarke, Jr., of $93.60 for assessors, field books and stationery.

Claim of B. F. Corduan of $4.50 for lock and keys for office of Board of Finance and Taxation.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, June 12 to 18th, 1884, both days included at $33,716.75.

The report was received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Chief Engineer showing amount of water pipe laid during the month of April, 1884, and enclosing pay rolls of Committee on Extensions and Distributions for month of April, 1884.

The communication was received, ordered filed and the two pay rolls referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Estimate of appropriations required by the Board of Police Commissioners for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1884, as follows :

For Salaries	$186,253 00
For Station Houses and Prisons	10,040 00
For Hospital and Dispensaries	15,000 00
For Lamps and Light	90,688 00
	$301,981 00

And in addition to the above $5,000 for Police Justices.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Requesting this Board to make arrangements with the American Water and Gas Pipe Company for the purchase of the main pipe to supply the City of Bayonne with water.

2. Fixing the salary of Joseph Leonard as fireman at Belleville at $55 per month.

3. Fixing the salary of Nicholas Worther, machinist, at Belleville at $77 per month.

4. Fixing the salary of Daniel Carpenter as engineer at High Service at $77 per month.

5. Authorizing Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to repair water pipe across the Hackensack River at a cost not to excede $2,500.

6. Laying water pipe in Garfield avenue.

7. Laying water pipe in Dey street.

8. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of Amelia Childs for differences between old and new assessment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Amelia Childs, for the sum of $95.64, being the difference between the old and new assessment for sewer in Summit avenue, Hopkins avenue and Perry street, on lot 96, block 575. Warrant to be used only to pay taxes, assessments or water rents.

The same committee reported on communication from William H. Corbin, attorney for John Knoop, requesting payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William H. Corbin, attorney for John Knoop, for the sum of one hundred and forty 05-100 dollars, being in full payment of a judgment obtained against the city by John Knoop for services rendered.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Frederick J. Mersheimer as constable, recommending that the same be received and spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above reports, they were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works May 28th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers, upon the petition in writing of Henry Lembeck, presented to the Board on the 19th day of May, 1884, for the opening of a street to be called Winfield avenue, from Ocean avenue to Garfield avenue, be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board, which hereby declares that it favors said petition, and the same is hereby referred to the Commissioners of Assessment and the Chief Engineer, he being a discreet surveyor not interested in said improvement to be proceeded with according to law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works May 28th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers, upon the application in writing of Henry Lembeck, presented to this Board on the 19th day of May, 1884, for the opening of a street to be called Clark avenue,

to be opened between the old Bergen road and Ocean avenue, in accordance with sketch accompanying said petition, be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board, which hereby declares that it favors said petition, and the same is hereby referred to the Commissioners of Assessment and the Chief Engineer, he being a discreet surveyor not interested in said improvement to be proceeded with according to law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 8th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for repairing water pipe for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $792.30, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 8th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for laying water pipe for the month of April, 1884, amounting to $1,111.32, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 9th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for shutting off the water during May, 1884, amounting to $273.69, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 9th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of May, 1884, amounting to $2,160.57, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

On petition of Jules T. Vinot:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from Jules T. Vinot or his representative the face value of the following asssessments, without interest, on lots 16 to 19, block 518, to wit:

Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878.... $40
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877... $7

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest, and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of J. W. Ferdon:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from J. W. Ferdon or representative the face value of the following assessments on lots 91 and 92, block 582, to wit;

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877.... $15
Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878.... $28
Grading and paving Summit avenue, Pennsylvania Railroad to Five Corners, 1878 $6

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void, and of no effect.

On petition of Emma A. Hamel:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Louis A. Brigham, attorney for Emma A. Hamel, the face value of the following assessment, without interest, to wit.

Improvement of Academy street, now Tonnelle avenue, N. J. R. R., to J. C. Line. Lot 10, block 135, 137, 1878.....$275 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Edward Cullen:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Edward Cullen, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 13, block 442, without interest, to wit.

Flagging, curbing and grading Montgomery street, Jersey avenue to Mill Creek, 1878..... $120 00
Paving Montgomery street, 1878..... 80 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Phillip Tunulty:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from Phillip Tunulty or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 10, block 428, without interest, to wit:

Extension and opening of Wayne street, 1878..... $8 80
Grading, flagging, curbing and paving Wayne street, Colgate to Merseles street, 1878..... $90 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Benjamin Van Keuren:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Benjamin Van Keuren or his representative the face value of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Sewer in Monticello, Clinton to Newark Plank Road, 1878, lot 4, block 513..... $137 00
Sewer in Monticello, Clinton to Newark Plank road, 1878, lot 5, block 513..... 140.00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Patrick J. Condon:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from P. J. Condon or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lots 48 and 50; block 287, without interest, to wit:

Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874.....$ 14.62
Grading Monticello avenue, from Newark Plank Road to 146 feet north of

Columbia place, 1874..... 1.18
Main sewer in Section B, 2nd Drainage District, 1874..... 115.20
Improvement Gardner avenue, Monticello to Palisade, 1874..... 103.04
Improvement Monticello ave. from Newark Plank Road to 146 feet north of Columbia place, 1874..... 10.36
Sewer in Gardner ave. between Monticello and Palisade..... 141.84
Main sewer, Section "A," 2nd Drainage District..... 16.88

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of C. C. Jewell :

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from C. C. Jewell or representative the face value of the following assessment on lot 69, block 529, without interest to wit :

Regulating Lexington avenue from Bergen to West Side, 1870..... $29 29

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of James T. Foster :

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from James T. Foster or his representative the face value of the following assessments without interest to wit :

Opening James street, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13, block 171, 1870... $628 45
Main sewer in Newark avenue, Five Corners to Hackensack River, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 610, 1874..... 79 96
Improvement Newark avenue, lots 1 to 8, block 610, and 11, 12 and 13, block 643..... 37 00
Improvement Hoboken avenue, lots 1 to 8, block 610, and 11, 12 and 13, block 643..... 42 20

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments as made within ten days from the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Estate of French.

Resolved, That City Collector be authorized to receive from the estate of French or representatives the face value of the following assessments on lot 6, block 573, without interest to wit :

Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners, to old Jersey City line, 1878 $3 00
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877 .17 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution; otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of P. R. Byrnes:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from P. R. Byrnes or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lots 65, 67 and 69, block 551, without interest:

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877 $506 00
Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners, to old Jersey City line, 1878 7 50

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from date of the passsage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of George R. Lawrence:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from George R. Lawrence or his representative the face value of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Main sewer, section B, Second Drainage District, on lot 9 and ½ of 10, block 195, 1874..... $162 73
Lateral sewer in Fairmount avenue, lot 9, block 195, 1874..... 169 83
Lateral Sewer in Boland street, lot ½ of 10, block 195, 1874..... 152 98
Improvement of Bergen avenue, Communipaw to Montgomery street, lot 9, block 195, 1878..... 12 00
Main sewer, section A, Second Drainage District, lot 9 and ½ of 10, block 195, 1874..... 23 83

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from date of the passage of this resolutiou, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of George P. Howell.

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from George P. Howell or representative the face value of the following assessments without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersy City Line, lots 2 and 3, block 528, 1878..... $321.11
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, lots 8 n, 7 n and 6 n, block 526, 1877.... 45.00
Improvement of Newark avenue Five Corners to old Jersey City line, lots 8 n, 7n and 6n, block 526, 1878..... 87.00
Improvement of Newark avenue Five Corners to old Jersey City line, lot 8, block 532, 1878..... 18.00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of George Heck:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from George Heck or representative the face value of the following assessment on lot 188, block 737, without interest, to wit:

Main sewer in Bowers street, 1878..... $90.00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs if any: and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William V. V. Powers:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from William V. V. Powers or his repreeentative the face value of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Flagging, curbing and grading Montgomery street, Jersey avenue, to Mill Creek, on lots 1, 2 and 8, block 343, lot 9, block 379, lot 10, block 405, lot 28, block 406, lot 31, block 380, lot 27, block 344, lot 23, block 307, lots 3, 4 and 2 and 3, block 343, 1878..... $820.00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Elizabeth B. Van Vorst:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Elizabeth B. Van Vorst, or her representative, the face value of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Flagging, curbing and grading Montgomery street, Jersey avenue to Mill Creek, on lot 7, block 306; lots 7 and 11, block 343; lot 5, block 405; lots 32, 31, 30, 29 and 23, block 406; lot 26, block 380; lot 24, block 344; lot 25, block 307, 1878..... $1,081 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Elizabeth B. Van Vorst:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Elizabeth B. Van Vorst, or her representative, the face value of the following assessment, without interest, to wit:

Paving Montgomery street, Jersey avenue to Mill Creek, on lot 7, block 306; lots 7 and 11, block 343; lot 5, block 405; lots 32, 31, 30, 29 and 23, block 406; lot 26, block 380; lot 24, block 344; lot 25, block 307, 1878..... $920 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of John Brinkerhoff:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John Brinkerhoff, or his representative, the face value of the following assessment on lot 4 A, block 859, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Colden (now Hutton) street, Bergen street to Bergenwood avenue, 1872..... $45 02

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William Loft:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from William Loft or representative the face value of the following assessment on lot 40, block 528, without interest to-wit:

Improvement of Newark avenue Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878...$18 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and cost if any, and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William V. V. Powers:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from William V. V. Powers, or representative, the face value of the following assessment without interest to wit:

Flagging, curbing and grading Montgomery street, Jersey avenue, to Mill Creek, on lots 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 23, 22, 21 and 20, block 426, 1878..... $967 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any, and, provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Rev. S. M. Rice:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Rev. S. M. Rice, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 10, block 597, without interest, to-wit:

Main sewer in Newark avenue, Five Corners to Hackensack River, 1874.. $ 15 62
Improving Newark avenue, Five Corners to old J. C. Line, 1878..... 5 00
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877 5 20

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of John True:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John True or his representative the face value of the following assessments without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to old J. C. Line, on lot 12, block 527, 1878..... $ 10 00
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, lot 12, block 527, 1877..... 439 68

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On Petition of William V. V. Powers:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from William V. V. Powers or his representative the face value of the following assessment, without interest, to wit:

Paving Montgomery street, Jersey avenue, to Mill Creek, lot 8, 1 and 2, 2 and 3.3 and 4, block 343, lot 9, block 379, lot 10, block 405, lot 28, block 406, lot 21, block 380, lot 27, block 344, lot 23, block 307, 1878..... $753 00

Provided all other assesments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William V. V. Powers.

Resolved that the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive fron William V. V. Powers or his representative, the face value of the following assessment without interest to wit:

Paving Montgomery street, Jersey avenue to Mill Creek on lots 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 23. 22, 21 and 20, Blk. 420, 1878, $675, provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The same committee reported verbally on petition of the New England Transportation Company to have personal taxes for the years 1882 and 1883 cancelled, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The President called Mr. Datz to the chair.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the resolution passed May 28th, 1884, requiring Anna E. Miller to give a bond of indemnity in the sum of five hundred dollars, with two sureties, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the bond of Anna E. Miller be accepted, provided the same be drawn in legal form, and to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation, in view of the decision of the Supreme Court touching their title to office, do nevertheless deem it their duty to the best interests of the city to continue in the discharge of their duties until the Court of Error and Appeals should render a final decision in the case, believing that sudden or violent change in the financial management of our city cannot but be productive of injury to its credit, and for the further reason until such final decision is made other action by this Board would be detrimental to the best interests of our city and create confusion in the proper management of its varied interest.

By President McDermott.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be requested to examine the public schools of Jersey City and report to this Board within thirty days a detailed statement of the repairs necessary in such schools and an estimated cost of the same.

By President McDermott.

Resolved that the Clerk of this Board be directed to return to the Board of Public Works all resolutions of that Board ordering the laying of water pipe, the best interests of the City demanding that all such pipe should be laid by contract.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

By President McDermott, and carried:

Moved, That this Board approve the tariff of rates and rules for the use of the Passaic water as adopted by the Board of Public Works.

On motion the Board adjeurned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Wednesday, June 25th, 1884, at eight o'clock, p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from William H. Speer, Ann L. Culver, John Garrick, Attorney, William H. Romaine, D. S. Gregory, Jr., 2d, Abraham Van Horne, Attorney for E. H. Davey, and John C. Van Horne, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries. Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Rudolph Grischele for rebate on assessment.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal of $88.40 for advertising Assessor's notices, etc.

Claim of John W. Harrison of $107.45 for stationery furnished offices in City Hall.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Company of $12.25 for ice furnished from May 22d to June 23d, 1884.

All the above claims were received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk for printing.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, June 19 to 25, 1884, both days included, at $42,803 72.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Clerk, requesting cancellation of sales for water rents on vacant property.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Estimate of Appropriations required by the Board of Aldermen for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1884, as follows:

For relief of Out-Door Poor	$15,000
For Printing, Stationery and Supplies	3,000
For rent of Armories and Supplies	4,000
For a Free Salt Water Bath	4,000
For Elections	8,000
For Care and Improvement of Public Grounds and Buildings	2,500
For three Urinals for Parks, and Sewer Connections for the same	800
For new Fence and Improvement of Hamilton Park	10,000
For Salaries	5,000
For celebration Fourth of July	1,000
For observance of Decoration Day	200
For District Courts	9,250
For contingent expenses	500
Total	$63,250

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Estimate of appropriations required by the Board of Directors of Education for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1884, as follows:

Teachers, Salaries and Fuel	$185,876 39
Janitors' and Clerk's Salaries	17,500 00
Books, Stationery and Music	15,000 00
Furniture and repairs	25,000 00
Heating and ventilating	5,000 00
Printing and blanks	2,000 00
Annual report	400 00
Rentals	3,000 00
Janitors' supplies	2,000 00
Free library	1,000 00
Census	1,800 00
Gas	750 00
High School incidental expenses	250 00
Evening school	7,500 00
Total	$267,076 39

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On re-assembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claims of Isaac Romaine, for taking testimony, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Isaac Romaine for the sum of $63 80, for taking testimony in the case of the Pennsylvania R. R. vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, the amount having been approved as correct by the Corporation Counsel.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Isaac Romaine for the sum of $55, for taking testimony in cases for and against the city, the amount having been approved as correct by the Corporation Attorney.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott; Messrs. Datz, Hardenburgh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on Concurrent Resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 9th, 1884, for the construction of a sewer in Glenwood avenue, from a point 75 feet west of Bergen avenue to a point distant about 1,070 feet west thereof, together with a connecting sewer through lands acquired by the city for sewerage purposes through block 192 connecting with a sewer in Boland street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved that the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 9th, 1884, as presented by the Committe on Extension and Distributions for the month of May, 1884, amounting to $925.80, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott; Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments recommending the adoption of the following resoluions:

On petition of the estate of John C. Van Horne:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from the estate of John C. Van Horne the face value of the following assessments on lot 12, block 419, without interest:

For Nicholson pavement, West Grand street and Newark plank road, confirmed 1874..... $134 05
Main sewer, Section "A," 2d Drainage District..... 89 18

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William H. Romaine:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from William H. Romaine, or representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 15, block 280, without interest, to wit:

Main sewer, Section "A," 2d Drainage District..... $12 06
Improvement Bergen avenue, Communipaw to Montgomery..... 24 00
Main sewer, Section "B," 2d Drainage District..... 82 39
Lateral sewer in Fairview avenue 276 03

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs if any: and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of D. S. Gregory, Jr., 2d:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from D. S. Gregory, Jr., 2d, or representative, the face value of the following assessment on lots, 23, 24, 25 and 26, block 201, without interest, to wit:

Paving Montgomery street, Cornelison to Summit avenues, 1878..... $84 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of E. H. Davey:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from Abraham Van Horne, Attorney for E. H. Davey, the face value of the following assessment on lots, Assessor's Nos. 44 and 45, block 62, without interest.

Improvement of Academy street, and Tonnelle avenue, N. J. R. R., to old City Line, 1878..... $309 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest, and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The Ayes and Nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of July, 1884, interest account:

On General Account.....$25,000 00
On General Account..... 27,407 00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment bonds..... 30,000 00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment bonds..... 31,180 00
On Water Account..... 32,000 00
On Water Account..... 25,315 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from Water Account to General Account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from Water Account to General Account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from Water Account to General Account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That in applications for compromise of assessments a further extension of time to July 24th be granted.

By Mr. Jordan:

Whereas, Questions have arisen concerning the legality of certain assessments of taxes made upon the property of the Long Dock Company and the Erie Railway Company.

Resolved, That the President of this Board be authorized to consult with the proper authorities of such companies, and report his views as to what course is for the best interests of the city concerning taxes assessed for the years 1877 to 1883, the legality of which are disputed by said Company.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed for the purpose of conferring with the managers or publishers of the official newspapers concerning the advertising of sales for the taxes of 1880-81, said committee to report to this Board at its earliest convenience.

The President appointed as such committee, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the President was added to the committee.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

By. Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, June 30th, 1884, at 8 o'clock a. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, June 30th, 1884, at 8 o'clock a. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Heppenheimer.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition signed by the clerks of the several offices, requesting the Board to direct that all the offices in the City Hall be closed on Saturday, July 5th, 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That the several offices under the control of the Board of Finance and Taxation be closed on Saturday, July 5th, 1884, and the Clerk be directed to notify the heads of departments to that effect.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 28th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments amounting to $1,173.36, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of June, 1884, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of June, 1884, when due, viz :

Gilbert Collins, Mayor, $166.66; Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; John F. Kelly, City Comptroller, $200; James H. Love, City Collector, $200; William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel, $333.33; Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, $150; George F. McAneny, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $100; Isaac Marrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer, $100; George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller, $100; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, $110; Clerks to Collector S. D. Dickinson, $83.33; John T. M. Kaylar, $70; Lewis E. Smith, $70; Chas. Krebs, $70; James E. Connolly, $70; Charles Freeman, $70; Patrick O'Neill, messenger, $60; Charles S. Westervelt, clerk to Comptroller, $70; Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Tax, $75; Willam H. Powell, Marshal Second District Court, $50. Clerks to City Clerk—Thomas K. Halstead, $75; N. E. Feury, $75; R. L. Hudson, $66.66; Jarvis P. Wanser, $66.66. Asssessors—James F. Gannon, First District, $125; Dennis McLaughlin, Second District, $125; Hugh Dugan, Third District, $125; Stephen P. Yoe, Fourth District, $125; James T. Lillis, Fifth District, $125; James C. Clarke, Sixth District, $125, Printing Minutes—The Argus, $208.33; The Evening Journal, $208.33. Cleaning rooms in City Hall—Bridget Parker, $30; Elizabeth Lynch, $30.

The same committee reported on the salary list for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the following amounts for salaries of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending June 30th, 1884:

Allan L. McDermott	$ 125 00
Emil E. Datz	125 00
Otto Heppenheimer	125 00
A. A. Hardenbergh	125 00
Thomas D. Jordan	125 00

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, July 2, 1884, at eight o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Mary Chesebrough, William G. Burnstead, John Brinkerhoff, Michael J. Martin, Trustee, P. Mead, Ellen Croydon, Effe Thomas, E. F. Emmons, Lucinda M. Sturges, Benjamin F. Allen, Andrew Clerk, James Davis and Francis C. Barnes.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the census takers for the years 1880, 1881 and 1882, requesting payment of arrears.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communications from John A. McGrath, attorney for Thomas Kennelly, requesting payment of a claim for building closet.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supp ies.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $90.50 for official printing.

Claim of the Argus of $20 for printing manuals, pages, 31 to 40.

Claim of Clarke & Co., of $336,75 for Assessor's books.

Claim of J. B. Cleveland of $1.95 for copy of deed, executors of Hill, to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the Corporation Attorney for stationery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery, and Supplies.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury June 26th to July 2d, 1884, both days included, at $163,-678.32.

Received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Counsel returned the petition of Rudolph Greschele for rebate on assessment, stating that the petition was not in accordance with the true facts relating to the reassessment.

The petition was ordered returned to the petitioner for correction.

Estimate of appropriations required by the Board of Public Works for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1884 :

For cleaning and repairing streets...	$40,000 00
For cleaning and repairing sewers...	10,000 00
For reconstrnction of streets and sewers.....	25,000 00
For public grounds and buildings...	1,000 00
For insurance on public buildings...	650 00
For Salaries.....	5,000 00
For printing and stationery.....	1,200 00
For repairs of school buildings and grounds.....	50,000 00
Engineering Bureau	10,000 00
Building new school house at Greenville.....	40,000 00
Building abutment for bridge at Avenue C.....	3,000 00
Total.....	$185,850 00

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

1. Requesting transfer of $500 from account of Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to account of Streets and Sewers, fiscal year 1883-'84 for the purpose of purchasing a team of horses for street cleaning machine.

2. Requesting transfer of $1,500 from account of reconstruction of streets and sewers to streets and sewers fiscal year 1883 and 1884, for the purpose of cleaning Ocean avenue.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Repaving Eighth street, from Jersey avenue to West Hamilton Place.

2. Repaving Communipaw avenue, from Jackson to Bergen avenues.

3. Repaving Mercer street, from Varick to Monmouth streets.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for shutting off water, month of June, 1884.

5. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions, month of June, 1884.

6. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, month of June, 1884.

7. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for laying water pipe, month of June.

8. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, month of June, 1884.

9. Fixing the salary of Frank M. Loughlin as messenger at $35 per month.

10. Ordering paid claim of P. W. Levering of $200 for services rendered as Water Assessor.

11. Ordering paid claim of John C. Walsh of $70 for services as extra clerk in Water Department.

12. Ordering paid claim of Charles Conway of $90 for services as janitor.

13. Ordering paid claim of Edward T. Carpenter of $105 for services as extra clerk in Water Department.

14. Ordering paid claim of Thomas Quinn as assistant to Tapper.

15. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the follow resolutions :

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public works, July 2d, 1884, as presented by the Committee of Water Rates and Assessments for shutting off water for the month of June, 1884, amounting to $369.83; be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 2d, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1884, amounting to $976.69, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved. That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for repairing water pipe for the month of June, 1884, amounting to $1,071.19, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July

2d, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of June, amounting to $2,157.18, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 2d, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for laying water pipe for the month of June, 1884, amounting to $273.75, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 24th, 1884, for the improvement of Sherman avenue from Ferry to Hutton street, and directing the Commissioners of Assessment, with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey, to make and report an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling, and amount of work to be done, and materials to be furnished for the making and completion of said improvement, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 2, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $105 be paid to Edward F. Carpenter for 1½ month's services as extra clerk in Water Department from May 15 to June 30, 1884, inclusive, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 2, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation $70 be paid to John C. Walsh for one month's services as extra clerk in Water Department for month ending June 30, 1884, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 2, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation $200 be paid to P. W. Levering, for 1½ months services as Water Assessor, from May 1st to June 30th, inclusive. Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works July 2, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation $90 be paid to Charles Conway, for 1½ months' services as Janitor, from May 15th to June 30th, inclusive, charge to Water Account. Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works June 16, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and is hereby authorized to repair the 36-inch main water pipe across the Hackensack meadows at a cost not to exceed $2,500, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

On petition of Francis C. Barnes:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Francis C. Barnes or his representative the face value of the following assessments without interest:

Sewer in Union, Jackson to Bergen, lots 100, 98, 96 and 94, block 555, 1874	$468 40
Main sewer in section A, second drainage district, lots 102, 100, 98, 96 and 94, block 555, 1874	231 55
Improvement of West Grand street pile foundation, lots 102, 100, 98, 96 and 94, block 555, 1874	33 30

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Andrew Clerk:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Andrew Clerk or his representative the face value of the following assessments without interest:

Improving West Grand street, pile foundation, lots 35, 33, and 31, block 601	$ 25 54
Main sewer Section "A," Second Drainage District, lots 35, 33 and 31, block 601	175 34
Sewer in Union street between Jackson and Ocean avenues, lots 31 and 33, block 601	269 03

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of James Davis:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from James Davis or representative the face value of the following assessments without interest to wit:

Improvement west Grand street, pile foundation, lots 4 and 5, block 513, 1874	$ 16 89
Main sewer section "A" 2nd drainage District, lots 4 and 5, block 513, 1874.	107 04
Sewer in Monticello avenue, Clinton to Newark Place Rd. lot 5, block 513, 1878	140 00
Sewer in Monticello, Clinton to Newark plank road, lot 4, block 513, 1878	137 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Benjamin Allen.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Benjamin Allen, or representative, the face value of the following assessment on Lot 38, Block 343, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Walnut street, now Johnson avenue, Grand to Pine street, 1878	$7 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that

said payments are made within twenty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null, void and of no effect.

The ayes and nayes having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer as follows:

John J. Corbett, for stationery and printing, $99.50; the Argus, for advertising assessment notices, $30; Schmalze Bros. & Hilderbrand, printing bonds, $75; the Argus, printing manuals, pages 20 to 30, $22; Evening Journal, advertising, $88.40; Charles H. Scott, carpenter work, $5.03; the Argus, printing manuals, pages 1 to 19, $38; R. Parsche, printing tax sales, $6; Deutz Brothers, printing letter heads, $28; Franklyn Bank Note Company, printing bonds, $260; Jordan Stationery Company, stationery for Assessors, $241.35; Chelsea Ice Company, for ice at City Hall, $12.25; B. F. Corduan, lock and keys for office, $4.50; Wood & Menagh for mica for stoves, $5; William J. Klee for soap, $9.60; N. J. Freie Press advertising Assessors notices, $17; John J. Corbett, stationery and printing, $142.98; Jersey City Herald, advertising Assessors notices, $17.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to transfer that amount from assessment account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the official bond of Myles F. McCartin as Registrar of the Water Works, be and is hereby fixed at $50,000.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be requested to certify to this board at its last meeting in each month a detailed statement of the repairs made to water pipe during the month, such statement to contain an estimate by said Chief Engineer of the proper number of days' work necessary for making such repairs.

By Mr. Jordan;

Resolved, That this Board will meet Friday, July 11th, 1884, at 7 o'clock p m., for the purpose of conferring with the Board of Police Commissioners, the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Board of Public Works concerning the appropriations to be made for those Boards during the ensuing fiscal year.

The President called Mr. Datz to the chair.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That upon the payment of $8,122.70 with interest by the Erie Railroad Co., the City Collector is hereby authorized to cancel from the record in his office the tax against block 51 for the year 1880.

On the payment of $10,461.04 with interest by the Erie R. R. Co., the City Collector is hereby authorized to cancel from the record in his office the tax for the year 1881 on the following described property: Block 51, blk. 572, 573, lots 28, 29 and 27; block 628, lots 1 and 8; block 629, lots 164; 25 to 28, block 116, lots 21 to 32; block 148, lots 23 to 17; block 149, lots 4, 25, 29, 30 to 32; block 150, lot 21; block 218, lots 19 and 20; block 530, lots 14, 20, 22, 29, 30 to 33; block 533, lots 7D and 8D; block 521, lots 1 to 5; block 571, lots 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41 and 52; block 694, lots 1 and 22, news stand; block 85, all block.

On payment of $10,391.03, with interest by the Erie R. R. Co. the City Collector is authorized to cancel from record in his office the following described property for the year 1882:

All block 51, block 530, lots 14, 20, 22, 29, 30, 31 to 33; block 533, lots 7D and 8D; block 561, 1 to 5; block 571, lots 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 52; block 572, 570, lots 28, 29 and 27; block 116, lots 21 to 32; block 148, lots 23 and 17; block 149, lots 4, 25, 29 to 32; block 150, lot 21; block 218, lots 19 and 20.

On payment of $39,796.09, with interest, by the Erie R. R. Co. the City Collector is authorized to cancel from record in his office for the year 1883 the following described property:

Block 629, lots 1 to 3, block 530, lots 14, 14, 14, 20, 22, 30, 31; block 533, lot 7D; block 561, lots 4, 2, parts of 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 5; block 571, lots 23, 27, 31, 41; all block 85, block 571, 3 parts, 52 and 51; block 116, lots 21 to 32; block 148, lots 23 and 17; block 149, lots 4, 25, 29 to 32; block 150, lot 21; block 218, lot 20; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Treasurer and City Collector be and they are hereby authorized to receive in payment of said taxes three equal notes, due respectively in thirty, sixty and ninety days from the 1st day of July, 1884, the receipt of said notes, however, not to in anywise effect the lien of the city for taxes levied upon the above stated property until all of said notes shall have been fully paid.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Wednesday, July 9th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was disposed with, and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Jersey City Schuetzen Corps inviting the Board to attend their annual festival.

Received and accepted, with thanks.

Petition of Caroline Grave for cancellation of taxes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Annie Z. Old, William Robinson, Michael C. Guerin, John Brinkerhoff, C. A. Vroom, Jane Evans, and J. McMullen, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of W. H. Farrier, of $99.49, for plumbing work in City Hall; claim of John Boyd, of $35, for printing tax sales and blank resolutions.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Comptroller and City Marshal, both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Official bond of Myles F. McCartin, as Water Registrar, in the sum of $50,000, with Mary A. McCartin, Edward T. McLaughlin and Patrick J. Condon as sureties.

Official bond of Charles A. Van Keuren, as Surveyor in the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Surveying, in the sum of $10,000, with John W. Harrison and James Warner as sureties.

Official bond of Richard Garrick, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John Garrick and Frederick H. Spengeman as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, July 3d to 8th, 1884, both days included, at $34,879.85.

The report was received and ordered filed.

Communication from Job H. Lippincott, Counsel for the Board of Chosen Freeholders, in reference to the payment of money due the County for taxes of 1883.

Received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel enclosing copy of a letter received from Job H. Lippencott, Counsel for the Board of Chosen Freeholders, in reference to the payment of monies due to the county on taxes of 1883,

Received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of the New England Transportation Company.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The New England Transportation Company was assessed for taxes for the years 1882 and 1883, for "boats harbored in Morris canal basin," the valuation each year being placed at $20,000. The Company has petitioned your Board to cancel said taxes. From the exparte statements and affidavits of the petitioner it appears that the company is a foreign corporation, having its principal place of business in New Haven, the vessels being enrolled at the Custom House at that port, that the vessels were built at that place and are owned by the company that the boats were assessed at New Haven for the said years, and the tax for the year 1882, paid by the company, the payment for taxes for the year 1883, being payable July 1, 1884, that the boats are temporarily tied to the piers of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company in Jersey City, to whom wharfage is paid, long enough to make up their tows and leave immediately thereafter, that it transacts its business on the high seas, the bay and harbor of New York, and adjacent waters under a coasting license, and that no business is transacted in New Jersey. Herewith find statement of Mr. James F. Gannon, Assessor of the First District, which bears out the correctness of the statement of the company in its material parts. Upon this state of facts have the boats of the New England Transportation Company a situs within this city for the purpose of taxation.

The charter of Jersey City directs that the assessors shall severally assess all the personal estate situate in their respective districts belonging to non-residents in said city. The word situate is used in a restrictive and qualifying sense, and must govern the assessor as to the personal property he is required to access. The personal estate of foreign owners to be so situate as to be the subject of taxation within the meaning of the charter must have some permanent location here for the time being at least. The Assessor is not authorized to assess all personal property that he can find within his official limit at any time while making his assessments. It is only intended to tax such personal property of foreigners as is actually located or used within his district with something like permanency and not having its actual location or home somewhere else. If the exparte statements made by the petitioners are true, the boats in question have no actual location in this State, and are not, therefore, situate in the district where they were assessed, but they have a location and home in the State of Connecticut, and cannot, in my judgment, be considered as belonging here as the objects of taxation by this city,

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BRINKERHOFF,
Corporation Counsel.

Jersey City, July 8, 1884.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Estimate of appropriations required by the Board of Fire Commissioners for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1884, as follows:

For Salaries	$77,427 50
For General Account	22,000 00
For Hose	5,000 00
For one single Tank Chemical Engine	1,000 00
For Bell Tower at House of H. and L. No. 3	1,000 00
For new Steam Fire Engine	4,000 00
Total	$110,427 50

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid claim of Andrew F. Smith for services as workman at Belleville.

2. Fixing the salary of Andrew F. Smith as workman at Belleville at $77 per month.

3. Fixing the salary of Frank Ruggles as Engineer at High Service at $77 per month.

On motion the Board took a recess.

On reassembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the official bonds of Myles F. McMartin as Water Registrar, Charles A. Van Keuren as surveyor in the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Surveying, and Richard Harrick as constable, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the Bond Book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above reports they were received and the recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 7th, 1883, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation a warrant be drawn in favor of A. J. Bancker for the sum of $5,000 for land purchased situate on Danforth avenue, for school purposes, said warrant to be delivered upon his filing with the City Clerk the deed for said property duly approved by the Corporation Counsel; be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted March 24th, 1884, to wit.:

Resolved, That $15 be paid to N. J. Telephone Co.; $50 to Common Sense Metalic Packing Company; $347.95 and $169.33 to Fox & Drummond; $236.92 to Davenport, Treacy & Co.; $2.60 to the Argus; $2.50 to A. Datz; $6 to William Allen; $2.60 to Evening Journal Association; $252.50 to Philp E. Martin; $24 to R. H. McFarland; $22.70 to F. A. Smith; $9.75 to R. H. McFarland; $2.50 to A. Datz; and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 31st, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $5.50 be paid to Northrup & Co.; $246.67 to N. Y. & N. J. Telepone Co.; $2.04 to Wood & Menagh; $84.27 to John Gardner; $56.93 to Wood & Menagh; $2.25 to J. Freie Presse; $135.97 to Fox & Drumond; $7.50 to John Griffin; $23.76 to Davenport, Treacy & Co.; $36 to Phillip Muldoon; $42 to the Argus; $50.27 to R. H. McFarland,

Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 27th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $243.17 be paid to Vanderbeek & Sons; $62.19 to Vile & Miller; $62.61 to George Duncan; $12.80 to Washburne & Bro.; $69.25 to Patrick Sherry; $69.25 to E. W. Keney; $2 and $4.25 to Patrick Sherry; $5.25 to Vanderbeek & Sons; $11.00 to J. J. Whalen, Agent; $7.50 to L. Buckley; $7.50 to Thomas Roles; $45.30 to N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co.; $11.80 to John A. Whalen; $3.50 to J. C. Gas Light Co.; $20.85 to P. E. Martin; $5.50 to George White; $6.00 to Peter J. Daly; $35.40 to John A. Whalen; $39.95 to Henry Thompson; $29.70 to R. H. McFarland; and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That $65.90 be paid to R. H. McFarland; $250 to A. C. Lathrop; be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 16, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $34,55 be paid to R. H. McFarland; $1 to George T. Bouton; $22 to A. Datz; $11 to R. H. McFarland, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 10, 1884, to-wit:

Resolved, That $58, $241, $32, $14, and $22 be paid to Thomas Trotter for carting, be and is hereby non concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

On petition of Michael C. Guerin:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from M. C. Guerin or his representative the face value of the following assessments on Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 530, without interest:

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877..$735.11
Improvement of Newark avenue, five corners, to old Jersey City line..... 24 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and cost, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William Robinson:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from William Robinson or his representative the face value of the following assessment, without interest:

Opening Montgomery street, lot 1, block 150..... $26.16
Main Sewer, Section "B," Second Drainage District, lot 44, block 226, 288..... $372.81
Main Sewer, Section "A," Second Dainage District, lot 44, block 226-288, 1874..... $19.40

Provided, all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William G. Bumstead:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from William G. Bumstead or his representative the face vaiue of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Ocean street, lot 22, block 72, 1870..... $175 00
Sewer in Columbia street, Ocean to N. and N. Y. R. R., lot pt. 35, block 663, 1874..... 75 12
Opening and extension of Cartaret avenue, from Ocean avenue to Central R. R., on pt lot 35, block 663.... 6 25
Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, on lot pt 35, block 663. 1874..... 12 60

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of John Brinkerhoff, Executor of the estate of George Tice, deceased.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John Brinkerhoff, Executor of the estate of George Tise, deceased, the face value of the following assessment on lot 41, block 145, without interest:

Sewer in Bergen avenue and Sip avenue, Jones to Montgomery street, 1878..... $ 123 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of P. Mead:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from P. Mead or his representative the face value of the following assessment on lots 4 and 5, block 292, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Palisade avenue, now Summit avenue, from Grand to Crawford street, 1878..... $290 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims, recommending that warrants be drawn as follows:

J. B. Cleveland, $1.95, for copy of deed.

John W. Harrison, $107.45, for stationery.

American District Telegraph Company $5.95 for messenger service, month of April, 1884.

American District Telegraph Company $6.68 for messenger service month of May, 1884.

Clark & Co., $35.50 for stationery.

The Argus, $20 for printing manual's pages 31 to 40.

The Argus, $90.50 for official priuting.

The same committee reported on claim of Clarke & Walter, as reduced, amounting to $239.20, recommending that the same be referred to a committee consisting of President McDermott and Mr. Hardenbergh.

The ayes and nays having been called for on the above resolutions, the report of the committee was received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

The President called Mr. Datz to the chair.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars on account of county taxes for the year 1883-84.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be requested to report to this Board within thirty days a list of the property in Jersey City upon which water rents levied prior to 1883 remain due and unpaid, with a statement in each case of the obstacles, if any exist, to the enforcement of such rents by stopping the supply of water

By Mr. McDermott:

Whereas, The utmost endeavors should be made to prevent an accumulation of the funded and floating indebtedness of Jersey City, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board will not concur in any resolution hereafter passed for the building of any sewer or the paving of any street or other improvement provided for in sections 41, 47, 48, or 59, of an act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City, passed March 31st, 1871, unless the application for the same be signed by the owners of two-thirds of the frontage of land along the improvement desired.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That this Board will not concur in any resolution hereafter passed for the construction of any sewer or the paving of any street, unless the parties applying for such improvement shall enter into an obligation to the city, conditioned that they will within one year after the final assessment shall have been made upon their property for such improvement pay such assessment, and being further conditioned that if the parties to such bond shall desire to contest such assessment they shall apply to the Court within three months from the date of confirmation, otherwise all objections to such assessment to be taken as waived, it being stipulated on the part of the city that time shall not run on any bond given as aforesaid while litigation concerning the validity of the assessment is pending.

By President McDermott:

Whereas, The Public Schools of Jersey City, have seating accomodations for but 14,685 per centum of the number which the last census shows to be entitled to education in such schools; and

Whereas, The number of applicants for admission to our public schools, refused on account of want of room during the past year exceed two thousand; and

Whereas, There are certain lands owned by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, which are not needed for municipal purposes, and which may be sold and the proceeds applied to the erection of school houses.

Resolved, That in order that proper steps may be taken for such sale that the Assessor of each district of Jersey City be directed to report to this Board a description of the property in his official district owned by the city and not used for municipal purposes, with estimates of the value thereof.

By Mr. Heppenheimer:

Resolved, That this Board will meet for consideration of the estimates of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Education for expenditures during the next fiscal year on Friday, July 18, 1884, at 7 o'clock P. M.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, July 16th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Edward N. Linn, Eliza McDonald, executrix of the estate of Gogin and Daniel Van Winkle.

Petition of Chauncey B. Fowler for return of money paid twice on water rents.

Petition of Mary L. Coster to be allowed to pay taxes without interest.

Petition of Mary L. Coster for the return of money paid twice in error on taxes.

All the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Elijah T. Paxton of $213.49 for disbursements as Corporation Attorney from February 25 to July 1, 1884.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Claim of R. B. Davis & Son of $150 for painting, decorating, &c., office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Claim of R. B. Davis & Son for $52.50 for painting, &c., in Collector's office.

Claim of John Boyd of $72 for warrant books furnished City Clerk's Office.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $40.40 for carpenter work in City Hall.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of William Allen, as auctioneer, in the sum of $2,500, with Frederick Payne and Samuel D. Chatterton as sureties.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

M. C. Cleveland, Agent for the collection of Arrears of Personal tax, reported the collections for the two weeks ending July 12, 1884, to be $353.58.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury, July 10th to 16th, 1884, both days included at $56,271.16.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners, requesting an appropriation sufficient to rebuild the front part of building occupied by Hook and Ladder No. 3, on Webster avenue.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $3,000 from account of Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to account of Streets and Sewers, for the purpose of cleaning and repairing sewers.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting that $25,000 be inserted in the tax levy to reimburse the Water Department for water furnished to the city for schools, engine houses, &c., &c.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Sewer in St. Pauls avenue, from 75 feet west of Palisade, to Oakland avenue.

2. Improvement of Winfield avenue, from Ocean avenue to Avenue E.

3. Repaving east side of Monticello avenue, from Belmont avenue to Fairmount avenue.

4. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claim of Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, for disbursements, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Elijah T. Paxton for the sum of $213.49. being expenses and disbursements as Corporation Attorney from February 25th to July 1st, 1884.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $3,000 from the account of Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to the account of Streets and Sewers, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1883–84, for the purpose of cleaning and repairing sewers.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committees were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, February 18, 1884, awarding the contract to Michael Curley, for the construction of a sewer in St. Paul's avenue, from a point 75 feet west of Palisade avenue to Oakland avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 14, 1884, for the improvement of Winfield avenue, from Ocean avenue to the southeast side of Avenue E and instructing, the Commissioners of Assessment with the aid and assistance of Bureau of Survey to make and report an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation, and filling and amount of work to be done and materials to be furnished for the making and completion of said improvement, and that upon the filing of such report, the Clerk of this Board shall advertise for proposals for doing such work and furnishing such materials in manner and for the length of time required by law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 9th, 1884, for improvement of Central avenue, from the north side of Bowers street to the south side of Congress street, and instructing the Commissioner of Assessment with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey, to make and report to this Board an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling and amount of work to be done and materials to be furnished for the making and completion of said improvement, and that upon the filing of such report the Clerk of this Board shall advertise for proposals for doing such work and

furnishing such materials in manner and for the length of time required by law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 2d, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concur ence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for repairing Mercer street, from Varick to Monmouth street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 2d, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for repaving Eighth street, from Jersey avenue to West Hamilton place, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 18th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum $1,069.60 be paid to John M. Shannon for coal be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, to wit:

Resolved, That $135, $10 and $26 be paid to the Argus for advertising, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of Daniel Van Winkle:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Daniel Van Winkle or his representative the face value of the following assessments on Lots Assessors Nos. 4,616, 4,617, 4,618. 4,619 and 4,620, Block 723, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874..... $16 58

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and cost, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Eliza McDonald:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Eliza McDonald, Executrix of estate of Gogin, the face value of the following assessment on lot 9, block 530, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877..... $ 373 07

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of John Brinkerhoff:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John Brinkerhoff, Executor of George Tise, deceased, the face value of the following assessment on lot 3, block 192, without interest, to wit:

Sewer in Bergen avenue, Sipp avenue, Jones to Montgomery street, 1878..... $ 200 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of E. Mulford:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from E. Mulford or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 4, block 527, without interest, to wit:

Lateral sewer in Newark avenue, from Oakland to Summit avenue, 1878..... $ 310 00

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877..... 8 00

Improvement of Newark avenue Five Corners to old J. C. Line, 1878.... 346 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on the said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Mary Chesebrough:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Mary Chesebrough, or her representative, the face value of the following assessment on lot 3 [5], block 856, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Colden (now Hutton) street, Bergen to Bergenwood avenue, 1872..... $59 90

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Francis S. Emmons:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Francis S. Emmons, or his representative, the face value of the following assessment on lot 6 and 7, block 513, without interest:

Main sewer, Section "A," 2d Drainage District, 1874..... $61 17

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of John McMullen:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from John McMullen or his representative the face value of the following assessment on lot 12, block 434, without interest, to wit:

Extension and opening of Wayne street, 1878..... $10 10

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of George A. Vroom:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from George A. Vroom or his representative the face value of

the following assessment on lots 19 and 21, block 286, without interest to wit:

Improvement Fairmount avenue, from Grand to Summit, 1878..... $6 50

Widening Palisade and Hudson avenues, 1874..... $12 00

Improvement Palisade, now Summit avenue, Grand to Crawford, 1878..... $11 50

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Michael J. Martin, trustee:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Michael J. Martin, trustee, the face value of the following assessment on lots 30 and 31, block 179, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Provost street, South Second street, to Pavonia avenue, 1869. $22 28

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Annie Z. Old:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Annie Z. Old or her representative the face value of the following assessments without interest to wit:

Main sewer in First Drainage District, lots, assessors Nos. 14 and 15, block 705-723, 1874..... $56 04

Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, lots 4, 1 and 2, block 721, 723, 1874..... $15 69

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of the New England Transportation Company:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized and directed to cancel on the books in his office the personal taxes assessed to the New England Transportation Company in the First District, block 33, for the years 1882 and 1883, the said company having no actual location in this State, but having a home and being assessed in the State of Connecticut, and in accordance with the opinion of the Corporation Counsel are not liable to be assessed for taxes in this State.

On petition of Caroline Graves, the committee reported verbally, recommending that the petition be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to whether this Board should cancel the tax complained of.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on communication from John A. McGrath, Attorney, requesting the payment of the claim of Thomas Kennelly of $25 for building closet in office of the Board of Finance and Taxation, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to the authority of this Board to pay said claim.

The ayes and nays having been called, the report of the committee was received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee appointed to examine the claim of Clarke & Walter of $239.20 for binding books, reported that together with the City Collector and City Clerk the Committee had examined the work and found the bill as reduced correct and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $239.20 be paid to Clarke & Walter for binding books and furnishing stationery in City Collector's Office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the Special Committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of $69 86-100 on account of county tax for the years 1883-84.

By Mr. Jordan:

Whereas this Board has concurred in a transfer of $3,000 from the appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers to appropriation of streets and sewers fiscal years 1883-84, for the purpose of cleaning the sewers of the city; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be notified that this Board will not concur in any resolution expending any portion of the said sum of $3,000, unless the work to be paid for under such resolution shall be performed within twenty days from date.

By Mr. Heppenheimer:

Whereas the time limited for the payment of taxes of 1880, levied and assessed according to law on lands, tenements or real estate within the corporate limits of Jersey City, has expired, and a portion of the taxes for said year remains unpaid as appears by the list of unpaid taxes for said year prepared by the City Collector from the books in his office, and laid before this Board for action thereon; therefore,

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to sell at public auction pursuant to the city charter of Jersey city and the supplements thereto and the general laws of this State applicable thereto after making advertisement and giving such notice of said sale as required by law said lands, tenements or real estate within the corporate limits of Jersey City for said year of 1880 that have been assessed and remain unpaid at the time said sale for the non-payment of said tax together with all interest and costs thereto added pursuant to said charter and supplements, and the general laws of the State applicable thereto. And that said sale may be continued from day to day until all the property is offered for sale, and that the City Treasurer shall purchase for the city all property upon which the taxes remain unpaid at the end of the sale; and be it further

Resolved, That the Special Committee appointed to confer with the managers of the official newspapers regarding the cost of advertising property to be sold for unpaid taxes, be and are hereby authorized to arrange and contract with the managers of the official newspapers for the sale in question, said contract when made to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That a committee of two be appointed to consider the assessment of property

in Jersey City, for the purpose of correcting any inaccuracies in the assessments to be levied and to report to this Board after conferring with the Mayor and the organization known as the Citizens' Association of Jersey City.

The President appointed Messrs. Hardenburg and Jordan as such committee.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, July 23, 1884, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the minutes of the last regular meeting was approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Paul W. Cæsar requesting payment of lost coupons.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petitions for compromise of Assessments were received from James Flemming, Attorney, Charles Seidler, Charles W. Zabriskie, Abraham Collard, John Fullam, William Russell, Margaret Desmond, Anna L. Culver. John B. Bruns, Estate of John F. Burke, W. F. Shaw, Ferdinand Boegler, Estate of Goggin, William Keeney, J. A. White and Sarah Wilson.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries. Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co., of $19.80 for rent of instrument and tollage from April 1st to July 1st, 1884.

Claim of B. F. Corduan of $7.65 for new locks for office of Board of Finance and Taxation.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $24 for advertising notice to delinquent taxpayers.

Claim of the Jersey City Gas Light Company of $91.80 for gas consumed in City Hall, from April 1st to July 1st, 1884.

Claim of W. G. Crempein of $24.30 for stationery furnished Corporation Attorney and City Comptroller.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company for $5.57, messenger service month of June.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationand Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Collector and Assessors, both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communications from the assessors of the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Districts of Jersey City, showing amount of property in their several districts owned by the city and not used for municipal purposes.

All of which were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, July 17th to 23, 1884, both days included, at $77,375.04.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Counsel reported the official bond of William Allen, as auctioneer, recommending that the same be returned, it being insufficient as to form.

The Clerk was directed to notifiy Mr. Allen.

The opinion of the Corporation Counsel on claim of Thomas H. Kenneley for building closet in office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

JERSEY CITY, July 18, 1884.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In my opinion the city is not legally liable for the payment of the within claim, my conclusion is mainly based upon sub-section 7 of section 37 of the City Charter, taken in connection with section 3 and 54 of the supplement to the City Charter, approved March 24, 1873.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM BRINKERHOFF,
C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received and ordered filed and the subject matter was referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of census taxers for payment of census arrears:

JERSEY CITY, July 22, 1884.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—From the best information that I can obtain there is no city to which the act herein referred to can apply but Jersey City, in fact it is so admitted. I consider the act in controvention of that clause of the constitution which prohibits the enactment of any local or special law regulating the internal affairs of towns and counties.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM BRINKERHOFF,
C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of Caroline Graves for cancellation of taxes:

JERSEY CITY, July 22d, 1884.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—Caroline Graves in her petition to your Board requests the cancellation of taxes in arrears on premises street number 538 Summit avenue, Jersey City, because the building erected thereon was used as a public seminary for young ladies during those years. The second paragraph of section five of the supplement to "An act concerning taxes, approved April 11th, 1866," mentions among the property, exempted all colleges, academies or seminaries of learning * * * and the land whereon the same are situate necessary to the fair use and enjoyment thereof not exceeding five acres for each one, the furniture thereof and the personal property used therein. An academy or seminary kept by an individual on her own account and at her own risk not being a common public school, or incorporated is not an academy or seminary within the meaning of the exemption above referred to. The property of the petitioner is a proper subject of taxation and the record of taxes for the years named in the petition should not be cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM BRINKERHOFE,
C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Salaries Taxes and Assessments.

The City Treasurer reported the following total balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositaries at the close of business this day to be $146,107.30.

Supplementary resolution from the Board of Directors of Education showing the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1884, as follows:

Teachers and salaries	$185,876 39
Janitors and clerks	15,000 00
Books, stationery and music	8,000 00
Furniture and repairs	.....
Heating and ventilating	.....
Printing and blanks	1,000 00
Annual report	350 00
Rentals	1,500 00
Janitors supplies	1,500 00
Free library	1,000 00

Brought forward.....	$214,226 39
Census.....	1,800 00
Gas.....	500 00
High School.....	.....
Evening Schools, 1st, 2nd, 3d, and 4th District.....	5,000 00
Balance for Piano for School No. 21.....	200 00
	$221,726 39

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board re-assembled, all the members present

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfers, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,500.00 from the account of Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to the account of Streets and Sewers, Board of Public Works, Fiscal year of 1883-84, for the purpose of repairing Ocean avenue.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $2,000.00 from the account of Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to the account of Streets and Sewers, Board of Public Works, Fiscal year 1883-84, for the purpose of extending the improvement of Ocean avenue from the present terminus to the Canal Bridge at Avenue D.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works June 2d, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $225 be paid to Patrick Donnelly, $177.90 to H. R Worthington, $129.85 to Henry Stuhr, $10.36 to H. R. Worthington, $14 to Benjamin Nied, $25.81 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons, $19.92 to Wood & Menagh, $22 25 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $20 to Philip Muldoon, be and is h reby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works April 28th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $143.56 be paid to Warner & Carscallen, $58.56 to F. A. Smith, $11.25 to J. C. Gas Light Company, $27.02 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $7.03 to C. A Woolsey, $9.98 to John Pfoor, $33.60 to Philip E. Martin, $33.05 and $9.90 to John Cogan, $6 to Patrick Sherry, $82.88 to Daniel Davis, $8 to J. H. Gautier & Co., $21.93 to W. W. C. Sites, $24.51 to Warner & Carscallen, $6 to Patrick Sherry, $6 to Andrew McAra, $20.10 to Michael Curley, $31.50 to Michael Smith, $50.36 to Davenport, Treacy & Co., $171.53 to Wood & Menagh, $106.73 to Fox & Drummond, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works June 13th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $125.87 be paid to Warner & Carscallen, $6 to Patrick Sherry, $37.29 to F. A. Smith, $10.70 to George F. Taylor, $10 to Albert Datz, $36.10 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $17.19, $14.10 and $16.33 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons, $4 to Patrick Sherry, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works May 12th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $13.88 be paid to John Cogan, $6.05 to C. A. Woolsey, $9 to Wm. Gaston, $36.82 to James Muldoon, $15.60 and $6.77 to John Cogan, $308.05 to H. R. Worthington, $20 to J. W. Harrison, $1.30, $12 and $2.60 to A. Datz, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 28th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $134.72 be paid to Warner & Carscalien, $29.70 to Washburne Brothers, $45.90 to J. Donald & Co., $3.25 to H. R. Worthington, $7.50 to Wm. Holcomb, $2 to John A. Vill, $60.38 to Claus Prigge, $51.92 to Wm. Holcomb, $3.55 to John A. Vill, $6.50 to Lynch & Murphy, $20 to Wm. Gaston, $70.20 to W. H. Ewald & Bro., $6.50 to Wm. Gaston, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 9th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That 96.06 be paid to John Cogan, $13.40 to John A. Vill, $4 to Albert Datz, $22.55 to Thomas Howe, $36.50 to A. E. Sanford, $13 to Geo. Duncan, $87.82 to Wood & Menagh, $13.90 to T. Donelon, $47.42, $51.61 to J. V. Maxwell, $14.40 and $33.60 to J. C. Herald, $3.25 and $33.60 to N. J. Freie Presse, $71.53 to John J. Corbett, $26.40 to Phillip E. Martin, $6.30 to Wood & Menagh, $20.20 to National Meter Co., $200 to D. W. Lawrence, $55 to Frederick C. Brandis, $148.50 to Jordan Stationery Co., $12.40 to Wood & Menagh, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 2d, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation $97.50 be paid to Thomas Quinn for one and a half months services as assistant to tapper from May 15th to June 30th 1884, inclusive, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 7th, 1884, to-wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the sum of $69.50 be paid to Andrew F. Smith for 27 days services as workman at Belleville, in month of June 1884, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

On petition of Margaret Desmond :

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from Margaret Desmond, or her representative, the face value of the following assessments on lots 16, 18, and 20, block 552, without interest, to-wit:

Improvement Newark avenue, Five Corners to old J. C. line, 1878..... .....$ 5 00
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877. 405 47

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that

said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Anna Louisa Culver:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Anna Louise Culver, or her representative, the face value of the following assessment:

On lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 and two-fifths of 64, block 593, without interest to wit:

Opening and extension of Cartaret avenue, from Ocean avenue to Central R. R. of New Jersey, 1872, $92.88.

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of John B. Bruns.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John B. Bruns, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments without interest, to wit:

Sewer in Grove street, Ocean to Bergen avenue, assessors No. 34, block 661, 1874.....$29 35
Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, Lot O, block 661, 1874.... $1 49
Improvement Grove street, Ocean to Bergen avenue, Lots 79 and 80, block 661, 1874.....$25 00
Main sewer in First Drainage District, Lot O, block 661, 1874..... $5 33

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of John Fullam.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John Fullam, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lots 67, block 784, without interest, to wit:

Regulating and grading South street, Hudson to Montgomery, 1874..... $250 95
Sewer in South street, 1878..... 204 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John Garrick, attorney for Mrs. N. C. E. Wright, the face value of the following assessments without interest to wit:

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, lots 148, 147, 107 and 106, block 574..... $58 00
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, lot 94, block 575..... 16 00
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, lots O. P. R. and S., block 576..... 64 00
Sewer in Summit avenue, Hopkins and Perry streets, lots 107, 106, 148 and 147, block 574..... 176 00
Sewer in Summit avenue, Hopkins and Perry streets, lot 94, block 575..... 14 00
Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners, to Old Jersey City line, lots 107, 106, 148 and 147..... 27 00
Improvement of Newark avenue Five Corners to Old Jersey City line, lot 94, block 575..... 3 00
Improvement of Newark avenue Five Corners to Old Jersey City line, lots O. P. R. and S., block 576..... 14 80
Sewer in Summit avenue, Hopkins and Perry street, lots O. P. R. and S., block 576..... 386 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims, recommending that warrants be drawn as follows:

$35 to John Boyd for printing blank resolutions.

$72 to John Boyd for warrant books.

$150 to R. B. Davis for painting and decorating office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

$52.50 to R. B. Davis for painting Collector's office.

$40.40 to Charles H. Scott for carpenter work in City Hall.

$24.30 to W. G. Crempien for stationery furnished Corporation Attorney and City Comptroller's office.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of August, 1884, interest:

On general account.....$20,590
On general account..... 20,000
On water account..... 6,500

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for the further compromise of assessments be extended for 30 days, from July 25, under the same conditions as heretofore observed by the Board.

The President called Mr. Datz to the chair.

By President McDermott:

WHEREAS, It is important that there should be a more thorough review of the assesment of property in this city than is now provided for by law, in order that property in the several districts may be assessed upon an equitable basis.

Resolved, That there shall be appointed a committee of three in each Aldermanic District of Jersey City, whose duties shall be as follows:

First—Each member of such committee shall, before entering on the duties of his office, take and subscribe to an oath that he will faithfully perform such duties, which oath shall be administered by the City Clerk and by him filed in his office.

Second—The members of each committee shall examine the transcript or duplicate of assessment of taxes filed in the office of the City Clerk by the Assessor of the district, for which said committee shall be appointed, and report to the Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation in Jersey City, such defects as may be found in such assessments.

Third—That in case any committee shall decide that any property has been overvalued by

any Assessor such committee shall certify to said Commissioners their opinion of the proper valuation to be placed upon such property for purposes of taxation together with such reasons as any member of any committee may choose to give for a reduction in such valuation.

Fourth—That in case any commitee appointed as aforesaid shall find that the property of any individual or corporation shall have been undervalued or omitted to have been assessed according to law they shall file with the City Collector a statement containing.

First—A description of the property which has been assessed at too low a rate.

Second—The name of the owner of such property when the same can be ascertained.

Third—An estimate of the proper value of such property for purposes of taxation.

Fourth—The names of such witnesses as the committee may select to testify before the Commissioners of Appeals in cases of taxation concerning the value of the property described as aforesaid.

Fifth—It shall be the duty of the City Collector to certify to the Commissioners of Appeals in cases of taxation such statements as may be made as aforesaid to be proceeded with according to law.

Sixth—It shall be the duty of the members of such committees to meet at the City Hall on the second Tuesday in August at ten o'clock a. m., and at such other times as they may determine for consultation.

Seventh—It shall be the duty of the Corporation Counsel and Corporation Attorney to meet with such committees on the second Tuesday in August and thereafter, and to furnish such committees with such information as may be asked for in writing.

Eighth—That it shall be the duty of the Collector of Arrears of Personal Taxes to attend the meetings of any committee as aforesaid upon being requested so to do, and to furnish such assistance by examination of public records and otherwise as may be required.

Ninth—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, of this Board, to furnish such stationery as may be necessary to carry out the object of these resolutions, and to provide suitable accommodations for the committees appointed as aforesaid, for which purpose said Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies is hereby authorized and requested to confer with the Board of Aldermen.

Tenth—That the committee aforesaid shall be appointed in the following manner: One member of each District Committee by the Mayor of Jersey City; one member by the association known as the Citizens' Association, and one member by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Eleventh—That the Assessor of each District shall afford to the committee of such district every facility for investigation of the assessment made therein; he shall attend the meetings of such committee when requested and shall answer any questions which may be submitted to him, which answers shall be reduced to writing by such assessor upon request made by any member of the committee.

Twelfth—The City Collector, the Clerks of this Board, and all other employes of this department shall render to such committees all assistance within their power, it being the intention of these resolutions that the committees to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have every facility for a thorough examination of the assessments of property for purposes of taxation in Jersey City.

Thirteenth—That if the committees appointed as aforesaid shall ascertain that the proper performance of their duties requires the employment of assistants, the Committee on Finance and Claims, of this Board, is hereby authorized to employ such assistants and report such employment at the next regular meeting of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

The following named gentlemen were appointed as such Committee, and the Clerk directed to notify them:

1st District—James Fleming.
2nd " John Van Vorst.
3rd " Hugh Abernethy.
4th " Perry T. Cumberson.
5th " Garret D. Van Reypen.
6th " Peter Henderson.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Friday, July 25, 1884, at 4 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, July 25, 1884, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $10,000, to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

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Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $10,000, to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That in accordance with the directions of a writ of mandamus issued out of the Supreme Court of New Jersey the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to receive from Henry Detwiller the amounts mentioned in said writ, and to obey the directions of said writ in all other particulars.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

eting of the Board of Commissioners of the ing Fund held in the City Hall Friday, 25th, 1884, at 5:30 o'clock p. m.
resent — President McDermott, Com- ners Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.
sent—Commissioner Heppenheimer.
Commissioner Hardenbergh:
esolved, That $141,000 of improvement as- nent bonds and $110,000 current expense ral bonds, now held in the Sinking Fund of , be and they are hereby retired, and that a ial committee of two, with the City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Comptroller, be appointed to cancel said bonds, and that a certificate of such destruction, signed by those present, be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Commissioners Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Commissioner Heppenheimer.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Wednesday, July 30th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor appointing the following gentlemen as a committee to review the assessment of property for the purposes of taxation: George W. Clerihew, James Meehan, Charles H. O'Neill, Charles F. Staples, John M. Jones and Reuben Simpson.

Communication from Charles L. Krugler, President of the Citizens' Association, appointing the following gentlemen as a committee to review the assessment of property for the purposes of taxation: William Clark, William Morgan, Henry Wild, H. Pattberg, E. P. Haslam and Myles Tierney.

Both the above communications were received, ordered filed, and the Clerk directed to furnish each member of the committee with a copy of the resolutions.

Communications were received from John Van Vorst, H. H. Abernethy and Perry T. Cumberson, declining to serve on committee to review the assessment of property for the purposes of taxation.

All of which were ordered filed.

Communication from the American Exchange National Bank requesting payment of lost coupons.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from Robert O. Babbitt, attorney for John Ronede requesting payment of judgment obtained against the city.

Received and referred to the Committe on Finance and Claims with power.

Petition of E. P. Haslam for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of J. H. Loomis for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Cyrus Lawrence to pay taxes without interest.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting cancellation of sales for taxes.

Received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Frederick D. Linn & Co. of $34 for copies of Laws of 1871 to 1883, inclusive.

Claim of Wm. G. Crempien of $32 for one dozen extra heavy feather dusters.

Claim of Wm. H. Farrier of $22.50 for repairs to chandeliers.

Claim of The Argus of $36 for printing manual, pages 41 to 58.

Claim of Albert Datz of $39 for warrant books and blank resolutions.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller for stationery; also requisition to have office repaired. Both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received for collection in his office the following assessment maps:

Sewer in Laidlaw avenue, from Oakland to Palisade avenues..... $5,201 95

Sewer in Patterson street, from Pearce to Durham avenue..... 3,155 25

Received and ordered filed.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the receipts for the two weeks ending July 26th, 1884, to be $379.97.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury July 24th to 30th, 1884, both days included, at $19,014.90.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of July, 1884, amounting to $956.69.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessment for the month of July, 1884, amounting to $398.33, for extra clerks.

3. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

On reassembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 14th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $20, 17.50, 17.50, be paid to the Argus; $2.50, 3.50, 3.00, 3.00, 3.50 to J. C. Herald; 3.25, 5.25, 3.25 3.25, 3.25 to N. J. Freie Presse. All charged to Improvements, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 19, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $26.30 be paid to John A. Gill; 8.00 to Patrick Sherry; 5.00 to E. F. C. Young; 193.50 to Steele & Condit; 190.00 to Jordan Stationery Company; $3.25 to John A. Vill, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 2, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $380 be paid to Myles Tierney; 3 50 and 4 00 to W. S. Weed; 22 75 to James Muldoon; 56 79 to Weston & Fiske; 45 00 to Evening Journal; 13 95 to Albert Datz; 20 00 to Phillip Muldoon; 100 00 to Wm. Van Keuren, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 14, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $67.50 be paid to Wm. Van Keuren; 9.50 to Mansfield & Hagan; 15.50 to John Cogan, 3.75 to R. A. Randall & Son; 12.83 to James H. Jones, 8 to Patrick Sherry, 95.55 to John A. Vill, 450 and 56 to Chapman, O'Neill Manufacturing company, 102, and 94.50 to Joseph Seals, 212.19 to C. A. Woolsey, 38.20 to R. A. Randall & Son, 6.90 to John A. Vill, 13.90 to Daniel Davis, 166.34 to E. E. Brown, 2 to Patrick Sherry, 2.65 to N. J. Freie Presse, 4 to the J. C. Herald, 14.70 to the J. C. Argus, 180 to Davenport, Tracy & Co., 28 to Wood & Menagh, 10.55 to J. J. O'Crowley, 45.50 to Dugan & Fitzsimons, 15.10 to George B. Lockwood, 8 to J. R. Kelleher,

800.75 to National Meter Company, 20.20 to Phillip E. Martin, 45 to Charles B. Bush, 25 to William Shaffer, 50.90 to John Kelly.

Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 28th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $425.75 be paid to E. W. Keeney; 116.11 to Warner & Carscallen; 16.65 to F. A. Smith; 157.75 to James Muldoon; 97.00 to W. W. Farrier; 298.00 to Thomas Muir; 159.81 and 49.28 to Davenport, Treacy & Co.; 225.00 to Davenport, Treacy & Co.; 22.25 to Vanderbeek & Son; 57.90 to Steele & Condict; 20.66 to George C. Doyle; 6.50 to the Argus; 10.50 and 7.80 to the Evening Journal; 3.00 to J. C. Herald; 2.65 to N. J. Freie Presse; 38.25 to J. C. Gas Light Company; 4.50 to J. Jackes; 10.00 to Robert Donshea; 5.10 to Peter H. Daly; 25.24 to F. A. Smith; 18.78, 23.30, 11.40 to E. Losey for ice; 109.65 to R. H. McFarland; 90.28 to J. W. Harrison. 13.80 to Jordan Stationery Company; 485 to James Cleary; 5.00 to A. Freytag; be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 18th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $60.21 be paid to Thomas Goddard; $213.96 to Knowles' Steam Pump Works; $72.45 to Hope & Co.; $93.21 to F. W. Leake, $29.92 to J. V. Maxwell & Co., $4 to T. F. Noonan, $71.24 to Steele & Condict, $23.60 to William Whelan, $12 to Albert Deitz, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works July 14th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $57.50 be paid to John G. Wilson, $100 to J. B. Hyde, $82.50 to Wm. Cox, $62.50 to J. B. Strong, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works June 9th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $40.64 be paid to C. R. Townsend; $38.25 to William G. Gregory; 42.90 to H. W. Guest, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 28, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of July, 1884, amounting to $433.33, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 28, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of July, 1884, amounting to $956.69, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of July, 1884, recommending the adoption of the follow resolution:

Resolved, That Warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of July, 1884, when due, viz.:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor, $166.66; Thomas Carle, City Treasurer, 200.00; John T. Kelly, City Comptroller, 200.00; James H. Love, City Collector, 200.00; Willliam Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel, 333 33; Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, $150.00 George F. McAneny, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation 100.00; Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer, 100.00; George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller, 100; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, 110.00; Clerks to City Collector, S. D. Dickenson, $83.33; John T. M. Kaylar, 70.00; Lewis E. Smith, 65.40; Charles Krebs, 70.00; James E. Connolly, 70.00; Charles Freeman, 53.90; William H. Tuttle, 70.00; Patrick O'Neill, messenger, 60.00; Menzies C. Cleveland, Agent for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Tax, 75.00; Charles S. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller, 70.00; William H. Powell, Marshal Second District Court, 50.00; Clerks to City Clerk Thomas K. Halstead, 75.00; N. E. Fenry, 75.00; R. L. Hudson, 66.66; Jarvis P. Wanser, 66.66; Assessors James F. Gannon, First District, 125.00; Dennis McLaughlin, Second District, 125.00; Hugh Dugan, Third District, 125.00; Stephen P. Yoe, Fourth District, 125.00; James T. Lillis, Fifth District, 125.00; James C. Clarke, Sixth District, 125.00; Printing minutes—The Argus, 208.33; The Evening Journal Association, 208.33. Cleaning rooms in City Hall—Bridget Parker, 30.00; Elizabeth Lynch, 30.00.

The same committee reported on the following petitions for compromise of assessments:

On petition of Abraham Collard:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Abraham Collard or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 14, block 446, without interest, to wit.:

Improving Pacific avenue, Communipaw avenue to Grand street, 1874	$109 38
Sewer in Walnut street, Morris Canal to Pine street, 1874	12 33
Improving Walnut street, Grand street to Pine street, 1878	6 00
Widening and Extension of Walnut street, 1878	35 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Sarah Wilson:

Resolved, That the City Collector be, and is hereby authorized to receive from Sarah Wilson, or her representative, the face value of the following Assessments on lots 5 and 7, block 662, without interest, to wit:

Improvement Jackson avenue, Columbia street to Newark plank road	$113 25
Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874	5 54
Main sewer, Section "A" Second Drainage District, 1874	199 65

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest, and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William Keeney.

Resolved, that the City Collector be, and is hereby requested to receive from Abram Van Horne, attorney for William Keeney, the face value of the following assessment on Lots No. 19 and 18, block 445, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Walnut street, now Johnston avenue, from Grand to Pine street	$308 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest,

and costs, if any; and, provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void, and of no effect.

On petition of Charles Siedler:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Charles Siedler, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Nicholson pavement on West Grand street aud Newark plank road on lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 418, 1874	$459 26
Grading, curbing and flagging Grand street and Newark plank road, lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 418, 1874	342 01
Improvement of Palisade (now Summit avenue) from Grand to Crawford street, lot 11, block 418, 1878	$182 00
Main Sewer, Section "A," Second Drainage District, lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 418, 1874	$454 21
Widening West Grand street, from Mill Creek to Colden Place, lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 418, 1874	$45 00
Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 418	$23 36

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are pald in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Edward N. Linn:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Edward N. Linn or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 41, block 577, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877	$10 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void, and of no effect.

On petition of the estate of Goggin:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Eliza McDonald, administratrix of the estate of Goggin, the face value of the following assessments on lot 9, block 530, without interest, to-wit:

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877.	$373 07
Improvement Newark avenue, 5 Corners to old J. C. line, 1878	7 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void, and of no effect.

On petition of Charles G. Clark:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Charles G. Clark, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 15, block 547, without interest, to-wit:

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877.	$140 00
Widening Hoboken avenue, Palisade to Hoboken city line, 1874	36 11

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void, and of no effect.

On petition of John F. Burke:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from the estate of John F. Burke the face value of the following assessments on lots 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38, block 570, without interest:

Widening Hoboken avenue, from Palisade to Hoboken city line, 1874	$28 10
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877.	50 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void, and of no effect.

On petition of W. F. Shaw:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from W. F. Shaw or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 43, block 226 and 288 without interest to wit:

Main sewer Section "A" 2nd Drainage District, 1874	$19 40
Main sewer Section "B" 2nd Drainage District, 1874	372 81

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William Russell:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorize to receive from William Russell or his representative, the face value of the following assessments without interest:

Improvement of Bramhall avenue, west, lot No. 29, block 89, 1869	$116 23
Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, lot No. 17, block 558, 1874	5 39
Main sewer Section "A" 2nd Drainage District, lot 2-3 17, block 558, 1874	34 58
Sewer in Bramhall avenue, Ocean to Bergen avenue, lot 3-4 17, block 155, 1874	145 28

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Mary L. Costa:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Mary L. Costa for the sum of $37.12, being amount paid twice on lot 32, block 391, taxes of 1883, and that the City Collector be notified.

On petition of Edward S. Fowler:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Edward S. Fowler for the sum of $7.85, being a duplicate payment on lot 24, block 559, No. 128 Union street, for water rents for the year 1884, as per certificate of the Water Registrar attached to the petition, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

On petition of Caroline Graves:

Resolved, That the petition of Caroline Graves to have the taxes at No. 538 Summit avenue canceled, for the reason that the property in question is used as a seminary for young ladies, be not granted for the reason that it is the opinion of the Corporation Counsel that the property of the petitioner is a proper subject for taxation.

On petition of Effie Thomas:

Resolved, That the petition of Bentley & Hartshorne, attorneys for Effie Thomas for

compromise of assessment for main sewer, known as the Ninth Ward Sewer in old Hudson City, confirmed February 19, 1879, be not granted, your committee deeming it a just and fair assessment, and do not believe it to be for the best interest of the city to compromise with petitioner.

On petition of Ann Louisa Culver:

Resolved, That the petition of Ann Louisa Culver for compromise of taxes be not granted for the reason that your committee do not deem it to be for the best interests of the city to compromise taxes.

On petition of Mary L. Costa:

Resolved, That the petition of Mary L. Costa to be allowed to pay balance due on taxes for the year 1876, without interest, be not granted, for the reason that petitioner was notified by the City Collector immediately after the payment was made.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer as follows:

N. J. Freie Presse, $24 for advertising; J. C. Herald, $24 for advertising; Albert Datz, $39 for warrant books and blank resolutions; $36 to The Argus for printing manuals, pages 41 to 58; $32 to William G. Crempien for feather dusters furnished City Marshal.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports, they were received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That we do now go into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of appropriations necessary for the various departments of the city government for the next fiscal year, after considering the estimates of appropriations received from the various departments showing how much would be needed by them for the conduct of their business for the next fiscal year, the committee arose and made the following report to the Board:

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation—

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the estimates and recommendations from all the Boards of Jersey City, including the appropriation from this Board, most respectfully report and recommend that the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present current year for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1884, and ending November 30, 1885, be fixed at one million, four hundred and thirty-seven thousand, five hundred and eighty-two dollars and 93 cents ($1,437,582.93) as the appropriation and limit of the expenditure for the purposes of the respective Boards (except where by law it may be otherwise provided). The above amount, together with the money to be paid to Jersey City by the State for school purposes, and the money to be paid to Jersey City under the act entitled An Act for the taxation of railroad and canal property, approved April 10, 1884, your committee recommend distributed among the several Boards in the following manner, as the limit of the expenditure of said Boards for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, viz.:

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure of each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year, to be expended by the Board of Public Works as follows:

For payment to such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the streets of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1, 1884. This appropriation is made for payments under such contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created against this item for work to be done or materials to be furnished, unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation $2,333.33.

For payment to such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1st, 1884. This appropriation is made for payments under such contract or contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created against this item for work to be done or materials to be furnished, unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation $1,000 00

Reconstruction streets and sewers	1,250 00
Public grounds, buildings and insurance	83 33
Salaries	416 66
Printing and stationery	100 00
Engineering bureau	750 00

And in addition to above monthly appropriatins the following sums in gross:

Reconstruction of engine house on Webster avenue	$3,000 00
Abutment, bridge, Avenue C	2,500 00

For payment to such contractors as shall be awarded contracts for the following work upon the public schools of Jersey City. This appropriation is made for payments under such contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created against this item for work to be done or materials to be furnished unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Education, viz.:

School No. 1—Mason work, pointing outside, kalsoming and plastering, carpenters' work, repairing doors, floors and seats, sash-weights, &c.

School No. 2—Mason work, pointing, kalsomining and making two entrances to street and new stone stairs in rear of school house; carpenters' work, new floor in water closets, sash weights and repairing roof and floors.

School No. 3—Mason work, pointing, plastering and kalsomining. Carpenter work, changing doors to open outside, repairing roof and repairs to seats (including seats in Annex.)

Annex to No. 3—Plastering and kalsomining.

School No. 4—Mason work, pointing, drain and kalsomining. Carpenter work, new floor in water-closets, zinc in closets and repairing blackboards.

School No. 5—Mason work, pointing and plastering, kalsomining three floors. Carpenter work, painting and repairing blackboards, changing doors and repairing roof, windows and seats.

School No. 6—Mason work, pointing, plastering, kalsomining and stone steps and railing. Carpenter work, new fence, new floor and seats in water closets, repairing doors and steps, sash-cords, painting and repairing blackboards and roof, wainscotting halls and furnishing thirty new seats.

School No. 7—Mason work, pointing, kalsoining, and two ventilators in side of building and under floor. Carpenter work, repairing roof, closets, seats, sash cord, window glass nd changing seats.

School No. 8—Mason work, pointing, plasterng and kalsomining. Carpenter work, reairing water closets and roof.

School No. 9—Carpenter work, repairing losets and roof.

School No. 10—Mason work, pointing outside nd inside and kalsomining. Carpenter work, ew treshhold, 15 new steps, 6 new seats, new oor in water closets, sash cords, repairing ences and filling up well, repairing roof and utter.

School No. 11 and Annex—Mason work, lastering, pointing, kalsomining and repairs yard. Carpenter work, new stairs and reairs to blackboards.

School No. 12—Mason work, kalsomining, ointing, repairs to fences and yard, and enrgement of water closets. Carpenter work, epairing roof and elevator, and painting.

School No. 13—Mason work, patching, kalomining and repair of yard. Carpenter work, epairing roof, stoop and fence.

School No. 14—Mason work, flagging school ard. Carpenter work, repairing fence, sash ords and water closet floor.

School No. 15—Mason work: patching and alsomining. Carpenter work: repairing water osets.

School No. 16—Mason work: patching and alsomining. Carpenter work: new roof and ainting.

School No. 17—Mason work: kalsomining. arpenter work: repairing fences, doors and uttle.

School No. 18—Mason work: repairing. Carnter work: repairing water closets.

School No. 19—Mason work:kalsomining.

School No. 21—Mason work: carrying up imney and flagging. Carpenter work: changg gallery and repairing water closets

.....$17,000 00

aking total for said Board of Public Works ring said ensuing fiscal year ninety-three ousand six hundred and ninety-nine dollars d eighty-four cents ($93,699.84).

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expendie for each month separately of the ensuing cal year to be expended by the Board of dermen, as follows:

r relief of out-door poor.....	$866 66
inting, stationery and supplies....	158 33
nt of armories and supplies.....	333 33
laries.....	416 66
blic grounds and buildings.....	208 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

coration Day.....	$ 250 00
ections.....	7,000 00
trict Courts.....	9,250 00

Making the total amount for said Board of dermen during the said ensuing fiscal year ty thousand two hundred and ninety-nine llars and seventy-two cents ($40,299.72).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expendie for each month separately for the ensuing cal year to be expended by the Board of lice Commissioners as follows:

all salaries paid by the Board or any purpose whatsoever.....$11,833 33	
station houses and prisons.....	500 00
lamps and lights.....	5,833 33
hospitals and dispensaries.....	833 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Police Justices.....	$5,000 00
rentals.....	1,540 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Police Commissioners during the said ensuing fiscal year two hundred and thirty-four thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and eighty-eight cents ($234,539.88).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

For salaries.....	$5,416 66
For claims.....	1,800 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriation the following sums in gross:

For hose.....	$4,000 00
For bell tower.....	800 00
For chemical engine.....	1,000 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Fire Commissioners during the ensuing fiscal year ninety-two thousand three hundred and ninety dollars and ninety-two cents (92,390.92).

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year, to be expended by the Board of Directors of Education as follows:

For teachers, salaries and fuel....	$15,751 69
For salaries, janitors and clerk....	1,308 33
For books, stationery, music and free library.....	333 33
For rentals.....	100 00
For furniture, repairs and gas....	125 00
For printing and blanks.....	83 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums, in gross, for the said ensuing year, viz.:

Census.....	$1,800 00
For annual report.....	300 00

For payment to such contractors as shall be awarded contracts for the following work and materials. This appropriation is made for payments under such contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Directors of Education, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, viz.:

School No. 1—Two new heaters, smoke-pipe for four heaters, new grate and new stove-pipe.

School No. 2—One new heater, new pipe and door for furnace, three new pots for heaters.

School No. 3—Two new pots for heaters, new pipe, new zinc in closets.

Annex to No. 3—New fender, new back in heater.

School No. 4—Three new furnaces.

School No. 5—One new heater, new body and pipe, and two new pots for heaters and new leaders.

School No. 6—New furnace, three new furnace pots, water pipe, four new stoves and pipes.

School No. 7—Repairing water closets.

School No. 8—One globe-valve, and repairing water pipe.

School No. 9—New stove.

School No. 10—Three new stoves, one hydrant, and connecting water closet with sewer.

School No. 11 and Annex—One new pot for heater, water in closets, pipe for furnance, repairs to water pipe and new faucets.

School No. 12—New pot and body in furnace, two new pots and pipe for furnace and stove and new range in kitchen.

School No. 13—New smoke pipe.

School No. 14—Two new furnace pots, two new mains to water closets and new leaders.

School No. 15—Repairing stove.

School No. 16—Water closets in yards, stoves and pipe.

School No. 17—New stove.

School No. 18—Repairing stoves and water pipe.

School No. 21—Repairing roof and changing team-pipe, $5,000.

For furniture, books, &c., for new school house in Greenville, $2,000.

Making the total amount for said Board of Directors of Education during the said ensuing fiscal year, two hundred and twenty-two thousand, five hundred and twenty dollars and twelve cents ($222,520.12).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Finance and Taxation, as follows:

Salaries	$4,166 66
Printing, stationery and supplies	416 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following items in gross:

For claims, legal expenses and judgments	$10,000 00
For contingent fund	5,000 00

For interest and sinking funds, including one hundred and thirty thousand dollars ($130,000) for sinking fund under act of 1884, to be used exclusively for the purchase and redirement of bonds; and in addition to the amount to be received by the city under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, $870,000.

Making the total amount for said Board of Finance and Taxation during the said ensuing fiscal year nine hundred and thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eighty-four cents (939,999.84).

Recapitulation of the aggregate of yearly expenditures:

Board of Public Works	$93,699 84
" " Aldermen	40,299 72
" " Police Commissioners	234,539 88
" " Fire Commissioners	92,399 92
" " Directors of Education	222,520 12
" " Finance and Taxation	939,999 84
Total	$1,623,459 32
Less amount to be received from the State for schools	185,876 39
Total required	$1,437,582 93

And your Committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as to the appropriations to the several Boards and the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the current year for the purposes of the several boards of the city government for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1884, and ending November 30th, 1885, be and the same are hereby received and adopted and in conformity therewith the Board of Finance and Taxation, having duly considered the estimates and recommendations of the several boards, does hereby fix the amount to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present year for the purposes of the said boards for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1884 and ending November 30th, 1885, both days included, at the sum of one million four hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred and eighty-two dollars and ninety-three cents (1,437,582.93) and that sum, together with the amount to be paid by the State to Jersey City for schools, and together with the amount to be paid to Jersey City under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10th, 1884, is hereby distributed among the several boards in the amounts as recommended by the said Committee of the Whole, and the amounts thus fixed shall be the appropriations and limit of expenditure for the said purposes during the said fiscal year.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenburgh:

Resolved, That the sum of $26,000 be borrowed from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the Corporate seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable on demand as the evidence of such indebtedness.

By Mr. Hardenburgh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000), to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That during the vacation of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Finance be authorized to allow such compromise of assessments as they may deem proper, and that this Board will confirm such action when the same shall have been approved by said Committee, with the signature of each member attached, and that a notice of this resolution be forwarded to the City Clerk, City Comptroller and City Collector.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a vacation of two weeks be allowed to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this Board, at such time as they may select during the month of August, provided, however, that either said Clerk or Assistant Clerk shall at all times be on service, whereby the business of this Board may not be interfered with.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Wednesday, August 13th, at 8 o'clock p. m., unless sooner called by the President of the Board.

The following gentlemen were appointed to fill vacancies in the committee for revision of assessments: Second District, Hugh Douglass; Third District, Charles Turner; Fourth District, Gustave Schumann; Sixth District, Wm. J. Tait.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the City Hall, Wednesday, July 30th, at 10 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the Commissioners.

By Commissioner Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of $26,000 be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation, to be taken from the Fund of 1873, and that a Bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the City, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable on demand.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, August 13, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from C. Zabriskie requesting payment of interest due on $5,000 Jersey City 7 per cent bonds held by him.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from William J. Tait declining to serve on committee appointed to revise assessments.

Received and referred to Mr. Jordan with power to fill vacancy.

Petition of Patrick Reilly for compromise of assessments.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from James Flemming Chairman of the Committee to revise assessments, stating that the gentlemen appointed as such Committee objected to taking the oath prescribed in the resolutions, and requesting that the resolution may be so altered that an oath of office would not be a prerequisite to the members of the Committee acting.

In connection therewith the following resolution was presented by Mr. Hardenbergh and adopted.

Resolved, That so much of the series of resolutions passed by this Board wherein committees to be appointed by the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Mayor, and the Citizens' Association, relative to the revision of taxes, were required to take an official oath, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $12.04, for messenger service for the month of July, 1884.

Claim of Albert Datz of $45.90, for Jersey City Directories and stationery.

Claim of Thomas J. Stewart of $2.58, for cleaning carpet and relaying oil cloth in office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney advising that the Board cancel sales made January 5, 1869, in the former City of Bergen, for taxes of 1863, 1864 and 1865, for property assessed as 15 lots, Ocean and Atlantic streets, as requested by the City Clerk.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Requisition from the City Clerk for one Williams' Bros. automatic check punch.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury August 7th to 13th, 1884, both days included, at $29,825.41.

The City Treasurer reported the following total balance in the City Depositories at the close of business this day at $81,095.99.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works showing repairs made by the Water Department during the month of July, 1884, and the number of days required to do the same.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Awarding contract to William Richards for about 7,000 gross tons of anthracite coal, to be delivered at Belleville and High Service, at the price named in his proposal, viz., $4.10 per gross ton.

2. Construction of a trestle work at Belleville for the purpose of discharging coal at a cost not to exceed $1,500.

3. Authorizing committee to lay water pipe in Leonard street, from Central to Summit avenue, at a cost not to exceed 45 cents per running foot.

4. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for repaving Mercer street, from the west side of Varick to the east side of Monmouth street.

5. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for the improvement of the south half of Grand street, from the west side of Grove to the east side Jersey avenue.

6. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for repaving 8th street, from Jersey avenue to West Hamilton place.

7. Ordering paid claims of William Howe and George T. Krouse for distributing water bills.

8. Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for shutting off water for arrears for July, 1884, $366.85.

9. Pay-roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for July, 1884, $1,455.99.

10. Pay-roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for July, 1884, $2,222.44.

11. Pay-roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for repairing pump, &c., $65.01.

12. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took recess for twenty minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 4, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of July, 1884, for cutting off water for arrears amounting to $366.85, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 4, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for month of July, 1884, amounting to $2,222.44, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 4, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of July, 1884, amounting to $1,455.99, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 4, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of July, 1884,

for making repairs to pump and cleaning well at High Service, amounting to $65.01, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 4, 1884.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and is hereby authorized to construct a trestle work at Belleville for the purpose of discharging coal at a cost not to exceed $1,500; and further

Resolved, That said committee is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for constructing same be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported verbally on resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid claim of Michael Shannon of $1,388.63 for repairing Jersey avenue from Newark avenue to Eighth street, recommending that the same be referrred to the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on the following petitions for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

On petition of Daniel Van Winkle:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Daniel Van Winkle or his representative the face value of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Flagging, paving and curbing Oakland avenue, Newark to Hoboken avenue, lot 17, block 537.....$180

Opening South First street (H. C.), lot 4, block 127..... 5

Widening Newark avenue, lot 4, block 127..... 10

Imp. Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, lot 17, block 527.... 40

Imp. Hoboken avenue, lot 17, block 527... 14

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Owen Monahan:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to receive from Owen Monahan or his representative the face value of the following assessment on lots 77, 76 and 77, block 139, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Steuben street, from Warren to Prospect street, 1873.....$66 04

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interests and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On motion of Ferdinand Boegler:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Ferdinand Boegler, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Berkley street, Caretaret to Myrtle avenue, on lots 25 and 26, block 667, 1871.....$151 40

Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, lots 25 and 26, block 667, 1874..... 34 22

Sewer in Berkley or Vreeland street, Myrtle to Newark and New York Railroad, lots 25, block 667, 1878... 170 00

Main sewer in first drainage district, lots 25 and 26, block 667, 1871..... 365 82

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution. Otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott; Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to cancel of record the sale made to the City Treasurer, January 5, 1869 for taxes of 1863, 1864 and 1865 as property assessed as 15 lots Ocean and Atlantic streets, James Cross, because of fiindenite description and impossibility to locate the same.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Robert O. Babbitt, attorney of John Rouede, for the sum of $14,278.58 in full payment of a judgment heretofore recovered, said warrant to be delivered only on receipt by the City Clerk of a satisfaction of said judgment and the surrender of the coupons on which said suit was brought to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the coupons on the following bonds on presentation, issue of 1873, forty-year bonds, Nos. 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420; issue of 1873, twenty-year bonds, Nos. 2761, 2762, 2763, and 2766.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of $15,000 be transferred from the interest account of this Board to the account for claims, legal expenses and judgments to pay judgment on coupons of city bonds recovered by John Rouede.

The President called Mr. Datz to the chair.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That the Commitee on Finance and Claims of this Board be empowered to advertise in such manner as they may deem proper for the sale of $320,000 water bonds now held to the credit of the general account.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried :

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Wednesday, August 27, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.. and that the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments are empowered to compromise assessments for which petitions shall have been presented to this Board.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Wednesday, August 27th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

In the absence of President McDermott Mr. Datz was elected president *pro tempore.*

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from D. E. Cleary, N. G. Williamson, Thomas Feury and William Russell, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the Commissioners for the revision of taxes submitting copies of resolutions adopted August 18, 1884; one asking that the Board confirm the appointment of George F. McAneny as Secretary, and the other asking that the City Collector be requested to place upon all tax bills hereafter issued notice of all arrearages of taxes and assessments due upon the property specified.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of the Hudson County Land and Improvement Company to have sales canceled.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Abraham A. Vreeland for rebate on assessments.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Company of $12.25 for ice at City Hall, from July 23 to August 23, 1884.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor appointing Joseph B. Stone as a member of the Committee on Revision of Assessments in the place of Charles H. O'Neill, who declined to serve.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

Menzies C. Cleveland, Agent for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, reported the receipts to be $778.48.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury August 21 to 27, 1884, both days included, at $26,368.51.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Clerk inclosing tax bills of costs in case of W. H. Rankin vs. James H. Love.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid claims of William Howe and George F. Krause for distributing water bills.

2. Awarding contract to William Richards for about 7,000 tons of Anthracite coal, to be delivered at Belleville and High Service at the price named in his proposal, viz.: $4.10 per gross ton.

On motion, the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled the same members present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 11, 1884, to wit:

Resolved. That $115 be paid to William Howe and $65 to George T. Krause for distributing water bills, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 4, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for furnishing and delivering about 7,000 gross tons of Anthracite coal at Belleville and High Service Pumping Station, be and is hereby awarded to William Richards at the price named in his bid, viz., $4.10 per gross ton of 2,240 pounds Lehigh Spring Mountain coal, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and he is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of August, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of August, 1884, when due, viz.: Gilbert Collins, Mayor, $166.66; Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; John F. Kelly, City Comptroller, $200; James H. Love, City Collector, $200; William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel, $333.33; Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, $150; Geo. F. McAneny, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $100; Isaac Morrow, Clerk to Treasurer, $100; George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller, $100; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, $110; Clerks to Collector S. D. Dickinson, $83.33; John T. M. Kaylar, $70; Lewis E. Smith, $70; Charles Krebs, $70; Jas. E. Connolly, $70; Wm. H. Tuttle, $70; Chas. Freeman, $70; Patrick O'Neill, Messenger, $60; Chas. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller, $70; Wm. H. Powell, Marshall 2d District Court, $50; Menzies C. Cleveland, Collector of personal taxes, $75; Clerks to City Clerk Thomas K. Halstead, $75; N. E. Feury, $75; R. L. Hudson, $66.66; Jarvis P. Wansen, $66.66; Assessors James F. Gannon, 1st District, $125; Dennis McLaughlin, 2d District, $125; Hugh Dugan, 3d District, $125; Stephen P. Yoe, 4th District, $125; James T. Lillis, 5th District, $125; James C. Clark, 6th District, $125; printing minutes, The Argus, $208.33; The Evening Journal, $208.33; cleaning rooms in City Hall, Bridget Parker, $30, Elizabeth Lynch, $30.

The same committee reported on the following petitions for compromise of assessments recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of William Russell:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Wm. Russell or his representative the face value of the followin assessments on lot 9, block 137, without interest, to-wit:

Improvement of Academy street, N. J. Plank road to old Jersey City line, 1878	$290 00
Improvement of Academy street, Tonnelle avenue, N. J. Plank road to old Jersey City line, 1878	145 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of D. E. Cleary:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from D. E. Cleary or his representative the face value of the following assessment on lot H, block 275, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874	$6 58

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and cost, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Thomas Feury:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Thos. Feury or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lots 3 and 5, block 142, without interest, to wit:

Extension and opening of Wayne street, 1878	$11 00
Improvement of Academy street, N. J. Plank road, to old Jersey City line, 1878	2 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of H. V. Williamson:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from H. V. Williamson or his representative the face value of the following assessment on lot 18, block 559, without interest to wit:

Main sewer in Section "A," 2nd drainage district, 1874	46 31

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Charles W. Zabriskie:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Charles W. Zabriskie or his representative the face value of the following assessments:

Improvement of Newark avenue, lots 37 and 39, block 696, 1878	$69 00
Sewer in Union street, Jackson to Ocean avenue, lot 53, block 601, 1874	403 02
Grading Union street, lot 20, block 81, 1867	2 98
Main sewer Section "A," 2nd drainage district, lot 53, block 601, 1874	213 04
Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, lot 50, block 601, 1874	28 56
Sewer in Summit, Hopkins avenue and Perry street, lots 29 to 37 inc. block 696, 1878	275 00
Improvement Hoboken avenue, lots 29 to 37, block 696, 1877	62 20
Sewer in Ocean avenue, Communipaw avenue to Vreeland street, lots 14 to 20, block 508, 1878	60 00
Main sewer Section "A," 2nd drainage district, lots 14 to 20, block 508, 1874	288 46
Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, lots 14 to 20, block 508, 1874	74 11
Improvement of Academy street, N. J. R. R. to old J. C. line, lot E 56, block 127, 1878	145 00
Improvement Newark avenue, Five Corners to old J. C. line, lots 18 and part 17, block 591, 1878	40 00
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, lot 18, block 591, 1877	30 00
Main sewer, Newark avenue to Hackensack River, lot 18, block 591, 1874	66 86
Improvement Newark avenue, Five Corners to old J. C. line, lot 5, block 530, 1878	8 00
Flagging, &c., Orkland avenue, Newark to Hoboken avenue, lot 5, block 530, 1878	95 89
Improvement Hoboken avenue, lot 5, block 530, 1877	375 72

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of September, 1884, interest account.

On general account	$1,592 50
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	5,719 00
On water account	19,145 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a further warrant for five thousand six hundred dollars ($5,600) be drawn to the order of R. O. Babbitt, attorney for John Rouede, on account of his judgment against the city, said warrant to be delivered upon surrender to the City Clerk of coupons of same amount to be cancelled by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant for fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) be drawn in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, on account of taxes due from Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, September 3d, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore, and in the absence of the Clerk John T. M. Kaylar was elected to act as Clerk pro tempore.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of William Norton to have personal taxes cancelled.

Petition of executors of Christie for the return of money claimed to have been paid illegally on an assessment.

Petition of the estate of Tise for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petitions of Lyle Reid and C. A. Noble for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the Committee on Revision of Assessments, requesting this Board to furnish a room for meeting.

The communication was received, ordered filed, and in connection therewith the following resolution was presented by Mr. Hardenbergh and adopted:

Resolved, That the Special Committee on Taxation to revise the tax list of this city be authorized to meet in the Aldermanic Chamber at such times as they may desire, and that the Assessors books for the year 1883 and 1884 be placed at their disposal subject to their revision.

Communication from William Keeney in reference to the laying of water pipe.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Joseph Mackey of $6 for Mackey's A B C Guide for Collector's office from May, 1883, to May, 1884.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Vreedenburgh & Garretson of $30.13 for taxed costs in the case of the Jersey City Gas Light Co. vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Claim of James B. Vredenburgh, attorney, of $45.76 for taxed costs in case of the Jersey City Gas Light Company vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Both claims were received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works showing the time employed to lay water pipe, &c., &c.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received for collection in his office the following assessment maps:

Sewer in Manhattan avenue from Central avenue to 375 feet east.....$2,047 07
Sewer in Lincoln street from Central to Summit avenue..... 3,515 00

The communication was received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury August 28 to September 3, 1884, both days included, at $17,613.19.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments.
2. Two pay-rolls of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs.
3. Two pay-rolls of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions.
4. Ordering paid $446.82 to Michael Fitzpatrick, amount due on retained percentage on contract for repaving Washington street from Grand to Essex street.
5. Awards for damages for land taken in the opening of Winfield avenue.
6. Fixing the salary of John W. Allison as Water Purveyor the same as the former Water Purveyor.
7. Fixing the salary of Nicholas Woether, as machinist at Belleville, at $90 per month.
8. Repairing cement pipe across the Hackensack Meadows.
9. Repaving Wayne street from Monmouth to Colgate street.
10. Ordering paid claim of the Lehigh Valley R. R. for reconstructing wall at Morris Canal Lock on Washington street.
11. Two resolutions ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $500 from the account of Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to the account of Streets and Sewers, fiscal year 1883 and 1884, for the purpose of purchasing a team of horses for use of Street Cleaning Department. Adverse to granting the same.

The same committee reported on petition of C. Zabriskie requesting payment of interest due on $5,000 Jersey City 7 per cent. bonds held by him, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1st, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of August, 1884, amounting to $2,352, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1st, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, for altering stand pipe, etc., at High Service, for the month of August, 1884, amounting to $54, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1st, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for laying water pipe, for the month of August, 1884, amounting

to $21.25, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1st, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for repairing water pipe, for month of August, 1884, amounting to $1,503.61, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1st, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for the month of August, 1884, amounting to $806.69, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for the month of August, 1884, amounting to $583.34, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for month of August, for shutting off water, amounting to $724.08, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of L. A. Noble:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from L. A. Noble or his representatives the face value of the following assessment on lot C, block $\frac{52}{C\ B}$ without interest, to wit:

Broad street stairway, 1870.....$92 88

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On Petition of Patrick Riley:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Patrick Riley or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 23, block 526, without interest:

Widening of Hoboken avenue, from Palisade avenue to Hoboken city line, 1874.....	$11 07
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877	9 25

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for the payment of assessments without interest be and is hereby extended to September 25th, 1884, under the same conditions as heretofore.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Wall street Daily News be and is hereby authorized to give publication for one week to advertisement for sale of water bonds as already advertised.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR, Clerk pro tem.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, September 10, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Julius M. Sexton and John V. Bacot for compromise of assessments.

Petition of Maria Kirkman to have taxes adjusted.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Collector, received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Official Bond of William Allen as auctioneer in the sum of $2,500 with Frederick Payne and Samuel F. Catterdon as sureties.

Received and referred to Corporation Counsel.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the receipts for the two weeks ending September 10, 1884, to be $389 96-100.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Award for damages for property taken in the opening of Clark avenue.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works August 11th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for repaving Mercer street, from the west side of Varick street to the east side of Monmouth street, be and is hereby awarded to Dennis Byrnes at the price named in his bid, viz.: $1.16 per square yard for paving, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott. Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh,

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at a meeting held August 27th, 1884, ordering a warrant to be drawn in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby rescinded and the City Clerk directed to cancel the warrant for the same.

By Mr. Hardenberg :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of ten thousand dollars, on account of County Tax for the year 1883-84.

By Mr. Hardenbergh :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of five thousand dollars, on account of County Tax for the year 1883-4.

By Mr. Hardenbergh :

Resolved, That the time within which bids will be received for Water Bonds, issue of 1883, be extended to September 24th, 1884, under such terms and conditions as the Committee on Finance and Claims may approve.

By Mr. Heppenheimer:

Resolved, That the Assessors of Jersey City be directed to file their books of assessment during the present month, and that if any reason exists why this cannot be done by the Assessor of any district, such Assessor shall file with this Board, before the 15th inst., a statement of such reason.

By Mr. Heppenheimer:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Horatio J. Croad, in payment for a copy of Croad's Bond Tables.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet September 24th, 1884.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, September 24, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of L. Zabriskie for the return of money paid in error on water rent.

Petitions were received from George A. Vroom and Patrick Meath for compromise of assessments.

Petition of Dr. Hugh T. Adams for return of money paid in error on water rents.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Robert O. Babbitt, attorney, requesting payment of balance due on judgement obtained by John Rouede, vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the Committee on Revision of Assessments, asking that the Assessors be directed to file their books.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Communication from the property owners along the line of the Manhattan avenue sewer protesting against the excessive assessment for said sewer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Evening Journal of $43 for advertising sale of Water Scrip.

Claim of N. J. Freie Fresse of $8 for advertising sale ofwater scrip.

Claim of N. J. Freie Presse of $50.40 for advertising notice to persons in arrears for assessments.

Claim of the Argus of 24 for printing manuals, pages 59 to 70.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $50.40 for advertising notice of persons in arrears for assessments.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $8 for advertising sale of water scrip.

Claim of Terwilliger & Co. of $3 for opening safe in Collector's office.

Claim of John Donelon of $4.82 for carpenter work in City Hall.

Claim of S. M. Pettengill & Co. of $802.35 for advertising in New York papers sale of water scrip.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions for stationery were received from the City Comptroller, City Collector and Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The Corporation Attorney reported the claims of James B. Vredenbergh, and Vredenbergh & Garretson, for taxed costs, as being correct, and recommending the payment of the same.

Both claims were referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported to receipts for the two weeks ending September 24, 1884, to be $617. Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer of $200 from the Committee on Hospitals and Dispensaries to Committee on Station Houses and Prisons.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid claim of Michael Shannon for retained per centage on contract No. 373.

JERSEY CITY, Sept. 24, 1884.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—If the within indebtedness was incurred under a written contract legally entered into with the city and the work has been done and materials furnished as required by the contract, there can be no objection to the payment, provided that an appropriation has been made, therefore for that class of claims it is not chargeable to any other appropriation made by your Board, and it is now too late to include the same in the tax levy of this year.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM BRINKERHOFF,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the Clerk directed to notify Mr. Shannon.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $400.75 from the appropriation for Whiton street sewer to the appropriation for streets and sewers for the purpose of reconstructing sewer in Haladay street for the distance of about 500 feet, all claims for Whiton street sewer having been paid.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions :

1. Awarding contract to Myles Tierney for paving Ocean acenue, from Atlantic street to Avenue D, at the Morris Canal.

2. Awarding contract to Michael Brennan for covering with cement the water pipe across the Hackensack meadows.

3. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the improvement of Sherman Place, from Central avenue to Sanford Place.

4. Awarding contract to Patrick O'Neill for construction of a sewer in Jefferson avenue, from a point 75 feet of west Palisade to and conneeting with sewer in Oakland avenue.

5. Appointment of Assistants to Water Assessor for the purpose of making a resurvey of Jersey City, at a salary of $2.70 per day.

6. Repairing Cornish Engine No. 3 at Belleville, at a cost not to exceed $75.00.

7. Authorizing Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for bids for furnishing and delivering materials at Belleville.

8. Awarding damages for land taken in the opening of Vreeland street.

9. Five resolutions ordering paid miscellaneous claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

On reassembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claims of Vredenbergh & Garretson and James B. Vredenbergh for taxed costs, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Vredenbergh & Garretson, attorneys, for the sum of $30.13,

being the amount of taxed costs in the case of The Jersey City Gas Light Company vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, in the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of James B. Vredenburgh, attorney, for the sum of $45.76, being amount of costs in the case of The Jersey City Gas Light Comgany vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The same committee reported verbally on the official bond of William Allen as auctioneer, in the sum of $2,500, with Frederick Payne and Samuel F. Chatterton as sureties, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works September 22nd, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and is hereby authorized to repair Cornish Engine No. 3, at Belleville, at a cost not to exceed $7,500, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 11th, 1884, awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for the improvement of the south half of Grand street from the west side of Grove to the east side of Jersey avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 11th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the contract for repaving Eighth street, from Jersey avenue to West Hamilton place, be and is hereby awarded to Dennis Byrnes at the price named in his proposal, viz., $1.16 per square yard, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Sept. 22d, 1884, awarding contract to Michael Brennan for covering cement water pipe on the Hackensack Meadows with cement mortar, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Sept. 15th, 1884, awarding contract to Myles Tierney for the paving of Ocean avenue, from Atlantic street to Avenue D, at the Morris Canal, with Telford pavement, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 22d, 1884, awarding contract to Michael Curley for the improvement of Sherman Place, from Central Ave. to Sanford Place, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 22nd, 1884, awarding contract to Patrick O'Neill for the construction of a sewer in Jefferson avenue, from a point 75 feet west of Palisade avenue, to and connecting with the sewer in Oakland avenue be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the board of Public Works, April 28th, 1884, for the impovement of Hutton street, from Palisade to Central Avenue, be and is hereby concurred by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 1st, 1884, awarding damages for land taken in the opening of a street to be called Winfield Avenue, from Ocean to Garfield Avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 1st, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the salary of John W. Allison, Water Purveyor elect, be fixed at the same rate as that received by the late Purveyor be and is hereby now concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on the salary list for the month of September, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of September, 1884, when due, viz:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor, $166.66; Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; John F. Kelly, city comptroller, $200; James H Love, city collector, $200; William Brinkerhoff, corporation counsel, $333.33; Elijah T. Paxton, corporation attorney, $150; George F. McAneny, clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $100; Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to treasurer, $100; George R. Hough, clerk to comptroller, $100; Andrew D. Whyte, assistant collector, $110; clerks to collector, S. D. Dickinson, $83 33; John T. M. Kaylar, $70; Lewis E. Smith, $70; Charles Krebs, $70; William H. Tuttle, $70; Charles Freeman, $70; James E. Connolly, $70; Patrick O'Neill, messenger, $60; Charles S. Westervelt, clerk to comptroller, $70; William H. Powell, marshal Second District Court, $50; Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, $75; clerks to city clerk, Thomas K. Halstead, $75; N. E. Feury, $75; R. L. Hudson, $66.66; Jarvis P. Wanser, $66.66; Assessors James F. Gannon, First District, $125; Dennis McLaughlin, Second District, $125; Hugh Dugan, Third District, $125; Stephen P. Yoe, Fourth District, $125; James T. Lillis, Fifth District, $125; James C. Clarke, Sixth District, $125. Printing minutes—The Argus, $208.33; The Evening Journal, $208.33. Cleaning rooms in City Hall, Bridget Parker, $30; Elizabeth Lynch, $30.

The same committee reported on the salary list for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending September 30th, 1884, as follows:

Allan L. McDermott	$125 00
Emil E. Datz	125 00
Augustus A. Hardenbergh	125 00
Otto Heppenheimer	125 00
Thomas D. Jordan	125 00

The same committee reported on petitions for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of David H. Gould:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from David H. Gould, or his representative, the face value of the following assessment, without interest:

Improvement of Bergen avenue, Communipaw avenue to Montgomery street, lot 7 B, block 230, 1878..... $13 00

On petition of Samuel Dewey:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Samuel Dewey, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments, without interest, on lot 10½, block 292:

Improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit), from Grand to Crawford, 1878..... $508 00

Improvement of Fairmount avenue, Grand street to Summit avenue, 1878..... 5 00

Main sewer Section "A" 2d Drainage District, 1874..... $34 00

Main sewer Section "B" 2d Drainage District, 1874..... 187 80

On petition of Mrs. A. J. Warner:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Mrs. A. J. Warner or her representative the face value of the following assesment on lot 10, block 123, 1878, $415.

On petition of David Garrett:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from David Garrett or his representative the face value of the following assessment without interest:

Sewer in Walnut street, from Morris Canal to Pine street on lot 45, block 436, 1874..... $119 47

On petition of John Farrell.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John Farrell or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lots 30 and 31, block 352, without interest:

Improvement of Westervett place, from Mill Road to Grand street, 1870..... $73 14

Widening West Grand street, from Mill Creek to Colden place, 1874..... 4 71

Improvement of Mill Road, 1874..... 4 28

Main sewer Section "A" 2d Drainage District, 1874..... 55 58

Sewer in Westervelt place, from Mill Road to Grand street, 1871..... 120 36

Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874..... 9 86

On petition of George A. Vroom.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from George A. Vroom or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lots 19 and 21, block 286 without interest:

Improvement of Fairmount avenue, Grand to Summit avenue, 1878..... 6 50

Widening Palisade and Hudson avenue, 1874..... 12 00

Improvement Palisade now Summit from Grand to Crawford street, 1878..... 11 50

Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874..... 16 80

On petition of Julius M. Sexton:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from the Estate of Julius M. Sexton or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 63, block 557:

Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874..... $ 6 66

Main Sewer, Section "A," Second Drainage District..... 46 31

Provided, That all other assessments and taxes due are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of these resolutions, otherwise the resolutions to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of estate of George Tise for return of money paid in error on taxes,

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John Brinkerhoff executor of the estate of George Tise, deceased, for the sum of $103.66, being amount twice paid on lot 41, block 145 for taxes for the year 1882, as per certificate of the City Collector.

On petition of Cyrus Lawrence:

Resolved, That the petition of Cyrus Lawrence to be allowed to pay taxes on lot 80, block 133, Hamilton Place, for the year 1875, without interest, be not granted, for the reason that your committee do not deem it just to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of $11,628.15, on account of State tax for the year 1882.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of $2,777.84, on account of State tax for the year 1882.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of $155,764.78 in full for State school tax for the year 1883.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of $18,000 on account of County tax for the year 1883–'84.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of October, 1884:

Interest account:

On general account..... $32,365 00

On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds..... 16,065 00

On water account..... 28,000 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of $7,000 be transferred from the interest account of this Board to the account of claims, legal expenses and judgments.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of R. O. Babbitt, attorney of John Rouede, for the sum of six hundred and sixty-three dollars and twenty-five cents in full satisfaction for all claims for interest due upon coupons heretofore surrendered to the city.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board August 27, 1884, ordering paid the sum of $5,600 to R. O. Babbitt, attorney of John Rouede on account of his judgment against the city, be and the "same is hereby amended to read on account or past due coupons on bonds

Nos. 405 to 420, inclusive forty years' issue of 1873, and Nos. 2,761, 2,762, 2,763 and 2,766, twenty years issue of 1873, held by said R. O. Babbitt as attorney for John Rouede, and that said warrant be paid out of the account of claims, legal expenses and judgments of this Board."

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Datz, and carried:

Moved, that when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet on Monday, September 29, 1884, at 8 o'clock, a. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, September 29th, 1884, at 8 o'clock a. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Datz.

On motion of Mr. Heppenheimer the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, October 1st, 1884, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Present—All the members,

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition for compromise of assessments were received from Mary Shrope, William Roach, F. S. Emmons, Caroline Scarry, Eliza Jane McCaw and estate of John G. Haybeck.

Petition of William F. Poole for permission to pay taxes without interest.

Petition of Vanderbeek & Sons for an adjustment of taxes.

Petition of E. S. Jennings, attorney for Wm. B. Van Vorst, for return of interest paid in error on an assessment.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from R. O. Babbitt, attorney for John Rouede, requesting payment of interest.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $13.76, for messenger service for the month of August, 1884.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company for $12.21, for messenger service for the month of September, 1884

Both the above claims were received, and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Marshal for coal.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting the cancellation of certain sales for water rents for 1869 and 1870.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel, in matter of Abraham A. Vreeland, for rebate on an assessment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners in reference to the rebuilding of truck house on Webster avenue.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $781.69.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $433 34.

3. Construction of a sewer in Glenwood avenue, from a point 75 feet west of Bergen avenue to a point distant about 1,070 feet west thereof, together with a sewer to run south through block 192 to and connecting with the present sewer in Boland street.

4. Water pipe in Randolph avenue from a point about 282 feet south of Bramhall avenue to the north side of Union street.

5. Fixing the salary of John W. Allison at $1200 per annum.

6. Ordering paid salary of John W. Allison for services for September, 1884.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for 15 minutes.

On re-assembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolutien, adopted September 29th, 1884, for the construction of a sewer in Glenwood avenue, from a point 75 feet west of Bergen avenue to a point distant about 1070 feet west thereof, together with a connecting sewer to run south through block 192, to and connecting with the present sewer in Boland street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1st, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the salary of Nicholas Woerther, machinist at Belleville, be and is hereby fixed at $90 per month, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 5th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the salary of M. F. McCartin, Registrar of the Water Works of Jersey City, be and is hereby fixed at $2,000.00 per annum, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the Pay Roll Resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 29th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $781.69, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the Pay Roll Resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 29th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $433.34, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of F. S. Emmons,

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested to receive from F. S. Emmons or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 12, bl'k 352, without interest:

Main sewer, section "A," 2nd Drainage District, 1874	$27 79
Improvement West Grand street—Pile Foundation, 1874	4 93
Grading, curbing and flagging Grand street and Newark plank road, 1874	$10 35
Widening West Grand streel, Mill Creek to Colden place	14 20

On petition of Caroline Scarry:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested to receive from Caroline Scarry or her representative the face value of the following assessments without interest:

Sewer in Bergen and Sipp avenues from Jones to Montgomery street on lot 4, block 77, 1878..... $225 00
Regulating sidewalks, both sides of Jersey avenue, Alley, Assessor's No. 88a, Block 317..... 20 95
Improvement of Academy street now Tonnelle avenue, N. J. R. R, to J. C. line, lot 4, block 77..... 9 00

On petition of Eliza Jane McCaw:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested to receive from Eliza Jane McCaw or her representative the face value of the following assessments without interest:

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, lot 11, block 528, 1877..... $2 50
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, lot 12, block 528, 1877..... 2 50
Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, lot 11, block 528, 1878..... 121 00
Main sewer 9th ward, Perry street to old city line, lot 11 block 528, 1879 113 00
Main sewer 9th ward, Perry street to old city line, lot 12, block 528, 1879 113 00

On petition of Mary Shrope:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested to receive from Mary Shrope or her representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 19, block 280, without interest to wit:

Improvement Fairmount avenue, Monticello to 1,000 feet west of Bergen avenue, 1873..... $117 22
Main Sewer, Section "B," 2d Drainage District, 1874..... 329 48
Main Sewer, Section "A," 2d Drainage District, 1874..... 48 26
Improvement of Bergen, Communipaw avenue to Montgomery street, 1878.. 28 00
Grading, &c., Bergen avenue, Newark and New York Plank Road to New Jersey Railroad, 1871..... 4 68
Lateral Sewer in Fairview avenue, 1874..... 1,103 84

On petition of William Roach:

Resolved, That the City Collector be requested to receive from William Roach or his representative the face value on the following assessments, on lot 34, block 526, without interest, to wit:

Reassessment for the improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878..... $400 00
Lateral Sewer in Newark avenue, from Oakland avenue to Summit avenue, 1878..... 400 00

On petition of Frank L. Clark:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested to receive from Frank L. Clark or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 41, block 508, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874..... $ 9 61
Sewer in Ocean avenue, Communipaw to Vreeland street, 1878..... 8 00
Main Sewer, Section "A," 2d Drainage District, 1874..... 37 42

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on the above petitions are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of these resolutions, otherwise the resolutions to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of the Hudson Co. Land and Improvement Co:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to issue at any time to the Hudson County Land and Improvement Company or its representatives a certificate of redemption from sale for taxes of 1872, of any lot owned by said company and included in the sale of August 25, 1879, to the City Treasurer of property described as Bergen Point Plank Road, Hudson County Land and Improvement Company and to insert therein the sum of $25 with interest from September 1, 1883, for each lot, and upon the payment of said amount to the City Treasurer, and notice by him to the City Clerk, said last named officer shall cancel said sale so far as it shall affect the lot so redeemed, such action being sought and agreed to by said Improvement Company in their petition to this Board.

On petition of William Norton:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to cancel on the books in his office the following amounts assessed against William Norton on lot 10, block 317, as follows:

1881, personal tax..... $300
1882, personal tax..... 300
1883, personal tax..... 300

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously:

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works for the improvement of Sixteenth street, from Henderson street to Jersey avenue, be referred to the Corporation Counsel as to the question of legality of the signatures attached to the petition for said improvement.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for receiving applications for compromise of assessments be extended to November 1, 1884, under the same limitations and restrictions as heretofore adopted.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas it is represented that the lights throughout the city are extinguished at 12 o'clock to the great danger of our citizens and their property; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of three members of this Board be appointed to make full investigation thereto, and report at next meeting of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

In connection with the above resolution the President appointed as such committee Messrs. Hardenbergh, Datz and Heppenheimer.

By Mr. Datz, and carried:

Moved, That when the Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Wednesday, October 15, 1884, at 7:30 p. m., unless sooner called.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, October 15th, 1884, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected President pro tempore.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Edward F. Emmons, Sarah E. Sip, Mutual Life Insurance Company, Louis F. Batcher, Mary O'Neill, C. H. Reid and Mary Ard.

Petition of Harriett Pratt for an adjustment of taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Commiteee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Andrew Clerk, President of the Jersey City Gaslight Company, requesting the Board to make an extra appropriation of $2,000 for lighting the streets of Jersey city.

Received and referred to the special committee appointed at a previous meeting.

Two resolutions adopted by the Committee on Revision of Assessments, October 7th, 1884.

1. Requesting the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William J. Tait.

2. Requesting this Board not to confirm the Assessors' books until the committee examine the valuations, &c., &c.

In connection with the last named request the following resolution was presented by Mr. Hardenbergh and adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the present necessity for the confirmation of the books of the Assessors as presented for the reason that the taxpayers are waiting such action by this Board that we deem it inexpedient to delay such confirmation as requested by the Committee on Revision.

Communication from Myles Tierney resigning as a member of the Committee on Revision of Assessments.

Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $387.05 for postage stamps and stationery furnished City Collector, City Comptroller, and City Clerk.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Clerk for warrant books.

Recived and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the receipts to October 15, 1884, to be $433.58.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting an extra appropriation for the purpose of lighting the streets of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the special committee appointed at a previous meeting.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of September amounting to $2,469.53.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of September amounting to $909.63.

3. Pay-roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $822.37.

4. Pay-roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $397.70.

5. Advertising for proposals for laying water pipe in Germania, Nelson and Randolph avenues.

6. Repaving Monticello avenue from Belmont to Fairview avenues.

7. Repaving Wayne street from Monmouth to Merseles street.

8. Four resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for 15 minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claim of S. M. Pettingill & Co. for advertising sale of water scrip recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of S. M. Pettingill & Co: for the sum of $802.35 for advertising sale of water scrip in the New York papers.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $405 75, being the balance appropriated for the extension and repairs of Whiton street sewer to the Committee on Streets and Sewers fiscal year 1883—84, for the purpose of reconstructing sewer in Halladay street for the distance of about 500 feet.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent — President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 6th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $397.70, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Oct. 6th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $2,459.53, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 28th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board April 28th, 1884, rescinding resolution ordering paid $140 to Julius Jonson & Co. for one 20-inch gate for Pumping and Reservoirs, and $335 to Julius Jonson & Co. for one 20-inch disk gate for Extension and Distributions, be and is hereby reconsidered and rescinded; and further

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence

of the Board of Finance and Taxation said amounts be ordered paid, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 22d, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $16.67 be paid to Robert B. Coar for five days' services as Water Purveyor in the month of September 1884, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 4th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $15.00 be paid to E. J. Whalen, agent for pine wood, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 8th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $59.25 be paid to Joseph Seals, $5.00 to Phillip Muldoon for postage stamps, $20.50 to Albert Datz, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1st, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $9.10 and $9.10 be paid to the Argus, $90.00 and $29.75 to Joseph Seals; $103.10, $95.00 and $9.00 to M. Madden; $96.00 to Nicholas Ott; $32.80 to Wood & Menagh; $40.50 to James Muldoon; $120.00 and 210.12 to Dennis Byrnes; $288.40 to McCarthy & Dougherty; $60.00 to Mansfield & Fagan; $18.09 to John Pfoor; $112.81 to Warner & Carscallen; $13.68 to Thomas Ratigan; $28.65 to George Duncan; $25.78 to Motley & Sterling; $77.37 to E. E. Brown; $395.25 to N. J. Car Spring and Rubber Co.; $435.63 to Coxe & Bro.; $13.75 to Charles Conway; $5.50 to George T. Whyte; $23.63 to J. C. Gass Light Co.; $5.50 to Northrup & Co.; $11.90 to E. Losey for ice; $34 to J. C. Argus, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 11th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $201.28 be paid to H. R. Worthington; $7 00 to John Van Beuren; $4.00 to J. C. Herald; $5.30 to N. B. Cushing; $2.65 to N. J. Freie Presse; $83 to Patrick Manley; $376.21 to C. A. Woolsey; $498 to C. H. Bass; $19.61 to Vanderbeek & Sons; $9.10 to the Argus; $46.50 to Common Sense Packing Company; $101.07 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons; $47.22 to Wood & Menagh; $25.25 to William Rappe; $20 to John Kelly; $148.22 to Vanderbeek & Sons; $90 to Evening Journal Association; $59 and $18 to Albert Datz; $3.50 to William H. Boyd; $10.75 to Troy Rubber Stamp Company; $7.50 to Albert Datz; $9 60 to Wood & Menagh; $14 50 to August Biblein; $18 to Albert Datz; $72 to the Argus; $3 50 to William H. Boyd; $3 to Troy Rubber Stamp Company; $9 to Albert Datz, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 11th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $18 be paid to M. Featherstone; $4.50 to James Burton; $75 to H. J. Callo, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1st, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $7.25, $7.25, $5.25, $3.25, $5.25, $6 25, $6.25, $4.25 and $4.25 to N. J. Freie Presse; $6. $5.50, $4.50, $4.50, $4, $3.50, $3.50, $3, $2.70 and $6.50 to J. C. Herald; $30.50, $25, $27.50, $20, $20, $20, $17.50, $17.50, $12,60, $40, $20, $25 to the Argus, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of The Estate of John G. Haybeck:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from the estate of John G. Haybeck the face value of the following assessment, without interest, to wit:

Sewer in Morgan street, Warren to Prospect street, on lots No. 140 and No. 140, block 171, 1874..... $394 80

On petition of Lyle Reid:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Lyle Reid or his representative the face value of the following assessment, without interest:

Main Sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 773, 1879..... $201 00

On petition of John V. Bacot:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from John V. Bacot or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 282, without interest:

Improvement of Bergen avenue, Communipaw avenue to Montgomery street, 1878.....	$607 00
Main Sewer, Section "B," 2d Drainage District, 1874.....	178 80
Main Sewer, Section "A," 2d Drainage District, 1874.....	26 08
Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874.....	21 24

On petition of Mary Ard:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Mary Ard or her representative the face value of the following assessment, without interest:

Sewer in South 8th street, Putnam and Monmouth street, lot pt. 22, block 349, 1871..... $39.02

On petition of C. H. Reid:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from C. H. Reid, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments, without interest:

Sewer in Clark street, from Myrtle avenue to N. & N. Y. R. R., on lot 20, block 666, 1874.....	$168.49
Improvement of Claremont avenue, from Ocean street to Bergen Point Plank Road, lot 20, block 666, 1878..	3 00
Opening and extension of Cartaret avenue, from Ocean to Central Railroad, lots 7 and 20, block 666.....	5 11
Main sewer in First drainage district, lots 7 and 20, block 666, 1874.....	111 19
Improvement of West Grand street, pile foundation, lots 7 and 20, block 666, 1874.....	32 85

On petition of Mary O'Neill:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is

hereby authorized to receive from Mary O'Neill or her representative, the face value of the following assessments on lots 59, 58, 57 and part 56, block 709, without interest, to wit :

Improvement Oakland avenue, Hoboken to Prospect, flagging, curbing and bridging, 1879..... $7 80

On petition of The Mutual Life Insurance Co. :

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, or its representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 15, block 624:

Re-assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878..... $70 00

Main sewer in Newark avenue, from Five Corners to Hackensack River, 1874..... 33 40

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877 50 00

Main sewer, 9th ward, from Perry to old city line, 1879..... $12 50

On petition of Sarah E. Sip:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Sarah E. Sip or her representative the face value of the following assessments on lots 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 block 625, without interest.

Main sewer Section "A" 2d Drainage District..... $350 25

On petition of Louis F. Bechtter:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized and directed to receive from Louis F. Becatter or his representative the face value of the following assessment on lot 10, block 341, without interest to wit :

Improvement of portion of Varick street, Mercer to Montgomery street. $26 93

On petition of Edward F. Emmons :

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Edward F. Emmons or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 19, block 636, without interest :

Sewer in Clerk street, from Myrtle avenue to N. and N. Y. R. R. 1874. $168 49

Opening and extension of Cartaret avenue, Ocean avenue to Centreal R. R. 1874..... $9 25

On petition of F. S. Emmons :

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from F. S. Emmons or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 13, block 352, without interest:

Widening West Grand street, Mill Creek to Colden place, 1874..... $14 80

Main sewer Section "A" 2d Drainage District, 1874..... $27 79

Grading, curbing and flagging Grand street and Newark Plank Road, 1874 10 35

Improvement West Grand street pile foundation, 1874..... 4 93

Provided all other assessments and taxes due are paid in full, with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of these resolutions, otherwise the resolutions to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of John V. Bacot:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized and requested to reduce the assessment for sewer in Bergen, from Belmont to Montgomery street, on lots 1, 2 and 3, block 282, from $310 each to $118.65 each, and the assessment for the same sewer on lot 4, block 282, from $341 to $130,52, and further that the City Collector be authorized and requested to receive the face value of the assessments as reduced without interest. Provided, however, that the payments are made within ten days from the passage of this resolution, and that all other assessments or taxes due on said property and which have uot been compromised, are paid in full with interest and costs if any.

On petition of Lansing Zabriskie:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Lansing Zabriskie for the sum of $37 40-100, being amount paid twice on lots 3, 157 pts 155 and 157, block 572, for water rents for the year 1884, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

On petition of Vanderbeek & Sons:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized and requested to reduce the valuation for taxes for the years 1883-84, on lots 35, 33, 31, 29, 27 and 25, block 74, 2d district, from $2,900 to $1,900 each lot as per certificate of the Assessor, it was an error.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz:

Whereas, It is currently reported that it is the intention of this Board to compromise arrears of taxes by throwing off the interest or by accepting a portion of such bills, and

Whereas, Such a report being, as it is, without foundation, is injurious to the interests of Jersey City. Therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board will not, under any circumstance whatsoever, compromise such arrears of taxes or accept any less amount than the principal, with interest computed, to the date of payment of such bills.

By Mr. Jordan :

Resolved, That James Stevens and John Craven be appointed as members of the Committee on Revision of Taxes and Assessments to fill vacancies.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, October 22nd, 1884, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Samuel Dewey, A. Spadone and David Garrett.

Petition of M. D. Vreeland for cancellation of tax sales.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Resignation of James Stevens and John Craven as members of the Committee on Revision of Assessments.

Both resignations were received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS..

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $7.50 for carpenter work in City Hall.

Claim of W. G. Crempien of $58.30 for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation,

Claim of W. G. Crempien of $15 for one resolution book furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Claim of Joseph Kugel of $16 for wood.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Company of $12.25 for ice furnished City Hall from September 22d to October 22d, 1884.

Claim of Herring & Co. of $266.67 for safe for Collector's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Treasurer for stationery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel enclosing copy of an agreement to be made between parties desiring improvements and the city.

The following is a copy of the agreement,

Memorandum of agreement made this day of in the year eighteen hundred and

Whereas, and others have applied to the Board of Public Works of Jersey City for

which said petition was filed with said Board on day of in the year eighteen hundred and , and, whereas, we are desirous that such improvement be made. Now, therefore, in consideration of one dollar to each of us in hand paid by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in consideration of the premises and as an assurance to the said The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, that the costs, charges and expenses of and for said improvement and matters incident thereto and therewith will be paid within a limited time—at least so far as the same may affects any lot, plot, piece or parcel of land belonging to us or hereafter conveyed by either of us before the payment of the amount assessed thereon for said improvement. Now, therefore, if the Board of Public Works of Jersey City determine to make such improvement, and the Board of Finance and Taxation concur therein and said improvement be made, we, and each of us, do hereby agree, each for himself, and not one for the other, that we will pay to the City Collector of Jersey City, within one year from the date of confirmation of the final assessment for said improvement, such sum of money as shall or may be assessed against or upon any lot, plot, piece or parcel of land belonging to us or either of us for the making of said improvement and charges incident thereto, with interest chargeable thereon, and in case of any objection to said improvement or to any proceeding connected therewith, or to the final assessment therefor, we do hereby bind ourselves jointly and severally, to apply for relief to the Court having jurisdiction over the subject matter of such objection or objections within three months from the date of the confirmation of such final assessment, and in case of default to so apply to the Court for relief, such default to be deemed, construed, and taken in all courts and places as, and for a waiver of any objection to such proceedings and final assessment, and said final assessment so far as it effects any lot, plot, piece or parcel of land belonging at this time or hereafter acquired by us, or any or either of us who do not so apply for relief shall be final and conclusive as to any such lot, plot, piece or parcel of land and premises; provided, however, that the period of time during which any proceeding is pending in any Court, as aforesaid, shall be deducted from the term of one year above referred to as the time within which said assessments are to be paid. And in case of default of such payment of said assessments, with interest chargeable thereon, within the time, and in the manner above named, we do hereby agree, each for himself, and not one for the other, that an action at law or in equity may be commenced and prosecuted against such individual or individuals who is or are a party hereto for the amount of the assessment for such improvement remaining unpaid as aforesaid against any lot, plot, piece or parcel or land for said improvement belonging to him or them by direct proceeding against such lot, plot, piece or parcel of land to enforce the claim in the nature of an equitable lien thereon—and in any and all actions or suits all questions regarding the regularity and legality of the proceedings and assessments for said improvement, and the proportion of the benefit to any lot, plot, tract, piece or parcel of land assessed for said improvement shall be and is hereby waived. And we do hereby admit and declare that this paper writing is wholly voluntary upon our part. And we do agree that we shall not in any wise dispose of any interest in any land which may become in any manner liable to be assessed for the said improvement without notifying the purchaser, mortgagee or assignee of the contents of this agreement. And we agree that this instrument be recorded in the office of the Register in the County of Hudson in the State of New Jersey, and that the amount of the assessment assessed against any lot, plot, piece or parcel of land now belonging to either of us, shall be and remain in the nature of a mortgage lien upon any real property owned by us in said county, till the same is fully paid and satisfied, and till such time as the amount of assessment is ascertained, all real property in said county belonging to us is hereby pledged, and shall remain pledged to and for the payment of any assessment that may be assessed for said improvement against any lot, plot, piece or parcel of land now owned by us or either of us. This agreement to bind our respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal the day and year first above written

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of } [SEAL.]

State of New Jersey, } County, ss. }

Be it remembered, that on this day of , in the year one thousand eight hundred and , before me personally appeared , who I am satisfied are the persons named in the within agreement, and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

The agreement was received, spread in full upon the minutes, and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power to have the necessary number printed in proper form.

The Corporation Counsel reported the official bond of Henry Steffens as drawn in legal form.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the County Collector showing the amount to be paid by Jersey City for State school and county purposes for the year 1884, as follows:

State school tax	$159,992 83
County tax	305,889 81
Total	$465,882 64

The communication was received and referred to the committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Improvement of Central avenue from the north side of Bowers to the north side of Congress streets.

2. Awarding contract to the West Point Foundry Association for repairing Cornish engine No. 3, at Belleville.

4. Awarding contract to E. O'Donnell for unloading coal at Belleville.

5. Ordering paid claim of H. F. Randolph for coal.

6. Two resolutions ordering paid miscellaneous claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled: all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments as follows:

On petition of David Garrett:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from David Garrett or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 45, block 436, without interest, to wit:

Sewer in Walnut street, Morris Canal to Pine street, 1874	$119 47
Widening and Extension of Walnut street, 1878	9 00
Improvement Walnut street, Johnson avenue, Grand to Pine street, 1878	159 00

On petition of Samuel Dewey:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Samuel Dewey or his representative the face value of the following assessment without interest:

Improvement of Academy street, now Tonnelle avenue, from N. J. R. R. to J. C. Line, lots 12, 11, block 124, 1878	$13 00

On petition of A. Spadone:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to received from A. Spadone or his representative the face value of the following assessments, without interest:

Grading, &c., of Bergen avenue, from N. and N. Y. Plank Road to N. J. R. R., on lot 2 and 3, block 230, 1871	$205 45
Improvement Fairview, Monticello to Bergen avenue, lot 3, block 230, 1873	230 17
Lateral sewer in Fairview avenue, lot 2, block 230, 1874	486 54
Sewer in Bergen, Belmont to Montgomery, lots 2 and 3, block 230, 1874,	$423 72
Improving Bergen avenue, Communipaw to Montgomery, lots 2 B and 3 B, block 230, 1878,	842 00
Main sewer, section "A," 2nd Drainage District, lots 2 and 3, block 230, 1874,	87 75
Main sewer, section "B" 2nd Drainage District, lots 2 and 3, block 230, 1874,	599 14

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on the above petitions are paid in full with interest, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of these resolutions, otherwise the resolutions to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Patrick Meath:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Patrick Meath, or his representative, and to receipt in full upon the payment of the amounts named for the following assessments without interest to wit:

Widening West Grand street, from Mill Creek to Colden place.

Lot 14, block 352	$22 25
Lot 15, block 352	55 55
Lot 16, block 352	83 33
Total	$161 13

Main Sewer Section "A," 2nd Drainage District:

Lot 14, block 352	$22 17
Lot 15, block 352	58 69
Lot 16, block 352	92 96
Total	$173 82

Grading, curbing and flagging Grand street and Newark Plank Road:

Lot 14, block 352	$26 09
Lot 15, block 352	64 60
Lot 16, block 352	96 91
Total	$187 60

Improving West Grand street, pile foundation:

Lot 14, block 352	$ 76
Lot 15, block 352	1 96
Lot 16, block 352	3 18
Total	$5 90

West Grand street and Newark Plank Road, Nicholson pavement:

Lot 14, block 352	$28 12
Lot 15, block 352	70 32
Lot 16, block 352	105 47
Total	$203 91

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William F. Poole:

Resolved, That the petition of William F. Poole for compromise of taxes for the years 1878, 1879 and 1880, be not granted, for the reason that your Committee do not deem it to

be for the best interest of the city to compromise taxes.

On petition of William B. Van Vorst:

Resolved, That the petition of William B. Van Vorst, by his attorney E. F. Jennings, for the return of money paid by him as interest on an assessment, be not granted, as the petitioner should have awaited the action of the Board before paying the assessments.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of November, 1884, interest account:

On general account	$31,115 00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	44,735 00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	40,000 00
On water account	15,395 00
" " "	16,000 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the tax levy made and all taxes levied and assessed by the Assessors of Jersey City, in the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth Sixth districts for the year 1884 and '85, transcripts of which have been filed in book form with this Board, be and and are hereby confirmed and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

The ayes ard nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously at 9:30 o'clock p. m.

Messrs. Abram Van Horn and John A. Bouker were appointed to fill vacancies in the Committee on Revision and Assessments.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, October 29th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Heppenheimer and Jordan.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Jacob Ballin for the return of money paid for water rents on vacant property.

Petition of William Broaser for compromise of assessments.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from John A. Bauker declining to serve as a member of the Committee on Revision.

Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of P. Becker's Sons & Co. of $14.50 for repairs to furniture.

Claim of J. C. Printing Co. of $15.30 for printing brief of Pennsylvania Railroad vs. Jersey City.

Claim of Deutz Bros. of $52 for official printing.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $11.77 for carpenter work.

Claim of Jordan Stationery Co. of $173.15 for stationery and printing furnished Collector.

Claim of R. Porsche of $20 for printing.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $1,500 for advertising sale of lands for unpaid taxes of 1880.

Claim of the Argus of $1,500 for advertising sale of lands for unpaid taxes of 1880.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $1,500 for advertising sale of lands for unpaid taxes of 1880.

Claim of N. J. Freie Presse of $908.46 for advertising tax sales.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of Charles C. Jewell, as auctioneer, in the sum of $1,000, with G. P. Howell and John N. Fiacre as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Collector, requesting the appointment of six extra clerks to make out tax-bills.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

JERSEY CITY, Oct. 29th, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The request of Mr. Cornelius Zabriskie for the payment of interest from January 1st, 1875, on bonds numbers three hundred and fifty-three to three hundred and fifty-seven, both inclusive, the principal of which bonds amount to the sum of five thousand dollars, has been forwarded to me for my opinion as to the legal liability of the city for the payment of the same. The bonds in question belong to that class known as the "Hamilton stolen bonds." The subject of bona fides and mala fides so far extend to and enter into the question of the legal liability of the city for the payment of those bonds that I cannot under any circumstances upon ex parte statements recommend their payment. I am of the opinion that it is to the interest of the city to decline the voluntary payment of bonds for which the city has received no value. Stolen by its Treasurer, traded and exchanged for much less than their apparent value in many instances given as bribes to captors for the liberty of the holder, their character exposed by public notices and then purchased by dealers in municipal bonds, having attached to them coupons representing interest unpaid since January 1st, 1875. In this case particularly we have an instance of an individual having his place of business in this city for upwards of twenty years, that business devoted almost exclusively to the purchase and sale of Jersey City bonds, with a full knowledge of the criminal acts of ex-Treasurer Hamilton, doubtless with a list of the stolen bonds in his pocket, going into the market and purchasing a number of those bonds with coupons attached, representing nine years interest, with a knowledge upon his part that Jersey City never defaulted in the prompt payment of interest on its bonds. While carelessness in taking municipal bonds may not of itself impair their title such carelessness may be considered by the courts so gross that bad faith may be inferred from it. I do not wish to be understood as imputing unfair dealing to Mr. Zabriskie, a gentleman of unblemished reputation, but as desiring to impress upon your Board the fact of his carelessness in its relation to the decisions of our courts upon the subject of who may be considered bona fide holder of municipal bonds, fraudulent in their inception, or which lack the element of legal inception at the time of individuals acquiring the same,

WILLIAM BRINKERHOFF,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received, ordered to be spread in full on the minutes and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the receipts to October 29, 1884, to be $470.49.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury October 23d to 29th, 1884, both days included, at $142,120.79.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

The following resolution was received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims:

Requesting the transfer of $1,000 from the appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers to the Committee on Streets and Sewers fiscal year 1883-'84.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $798.35.

2. Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $433.36.

3. Awarding contract to Michael Shannon for the improvement of Sherman avenue from Ferry to Hutton street.

4. Authorizing committee to advertise for proposals for a suitable pump competent to give the necessary supply of water.

5. Ordering paid claim of John W. Allison of $100 for services as Water Purveyor for the month of October, 1884.

6. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 20, 1884, awarding the contract for unloading and carting about 7,000 tons of coal at Belleville Pumping Station to E. O. Donnell at the price named in his proposal, viz.: twenty-two cents per gross ton, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 27th, 1884, awarding contract to Michael Shannon for the improvement of Sherman avenue from Ferry street to Hutton street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 29, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $23.03 and $330 be paid to Edward O'Donnell, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported verbally on the pay roll as presented by the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month ending September 30, 1884, recommending that the same be referred to the Chief Engineer, with a request that he furnish the Committee with a statement of the amount of pipe laid, the number of men employed and the time for laying the same.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of October, 1884, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of October, 1884, when due, viz.:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor, $166.66; Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; John F. Kelly, City Comptroller, $200; James H. Love, City Collector, $200; William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel, $333.33; Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, $150; George F. McAneny, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $100; George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller, $100; Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer, $100; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, $110; Clerks to Collector, S. D. Dickinson, $83.33; John T. M. Kaylar, $70; Charles Krebs, $70; Lewis E. Smith, $70; William H. Tuttle, $70; Charles Freeman, $70; James E. Connolly, $70; Patrick O'Neill, messenger, $60; Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Tax, $75; Chas. S. Westervelt, clerk to Comptroller, $70; William H. Powell, Marshal 2nd District Court, $50; clerks to City Clerk Thomas K. Halstead $75; N. E. Feury, $75; R. L. Hudson, $66.66; Jarvis P. Wanser, $66.66; Assessors James F. Gannon, 1st District, $125; Dennis McLaughlin, 2nd District, $125; Hugh Dugan, 3rd District, $125; Stephen P. Yoe, 4th District, $125; James T. Lillis, 5th District, $125; James C. Clarke, 6th District, $125; Printing minutes, the Evening Journal Association, $208.33; the Argus, $208.33; cleaning rooms in City Hall, Bridget Parker, $30; Elizabeth Lynch, $30.

The same committee reported on the communication of the City Collector requesting the appointment of extra clerks, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That William H. Dalton, Wm. H. O'Brien, Stephen Quaife, Harry F. Halsey, Mathew Towey and James Scanlan, be appointed as extra clerks to assist in making out tax bills for the year 1884, appointments to date from October 23d, 1884, and continue at the pleasure of the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz & Hardenburgh.

Absent—Messrs. Jordan & Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims for advertising sales of land of unpaid taxes of 1880, recommending that warrants be drawn as follows:

The Evening Journal Association, $1,500, The Argus $1,500, the Jersey City Herald $1,500, the New Jersey Freie Presse $908 46.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Heppenheimer and Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas the Board of Finance and Taxation by reason of the additional strength which has been given to the credit of Jersey City from the fact that railroad property shall bear its fair proportion of taxes; and whereas the President of this Board has lent his every effort to this end; and whereas by reason of such confidence manifested this Board have been relieved of the making of unusual loans as in times past for the purpose of meeting its interest from time to time upon its bonded debt, therefore

Resolved, That while in the matter of assessments the Board of Finance and Taxation may deem it proper in the prevention of litigation to withdraw or allow interest upon such assessments to the end that they may be adjusted, they nevertheless declare it their duty to announce their unwillingness to allow any rebate of interest upon the ordinary taxes levied, for the reason that many have sought exemption or delay in the payment of taxes in the expectation that relief would be afforded them and that such taxpayers as have promptly paid have been required to pay much larger amounts than if non-taxpayers had discharged their whole duty, and that while as a Board of Finance and Taxation or as Commissioners of Appeal we are willing to do our whole duty in the proper adjudication of errors, we are still unwilling to extend any authority we may be supposed to possess for the relief of such as without appeal to the Commissioners may now present their claims for relief or abatement, and for the further reason that any attempt to interfere in such taxes would be unjust to those who are prompt in payment and seek the good order and credit of our city. We do therefore

Resolve, That we we will oppose the abate- of any tax for which application has not been made by any property owner before the Board of Appeals, as the authority properly constituted by law therefore,

That the credit of Jersey City, by reason of its amount of ratables in proportion to her debt should maintain a status unchallenged, and that it will be the effort of this Board to thus maintain

it in the hopes that in all such efforts it will find a ready acquiesence with such as pay its taxes and join with them in their efforts for a faithful and economical administration of their municipal government, and at the same time ensure to them the protection to be derived from such, and that whether as private individuals or as members of this Board we will resist the passage of any law whereby any compromise in the settlement of taxes past due shall be attempted and for the reason that ample opportunity for redress has already been offered, and it would be manifestly unjust to afford relief to the detriment of such as have in the payment of taxes when due conserved the interests due to a faithful administration of the finances of Jersey City.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of five thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

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By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for receiving petitions for compromise of assessments be and is hereby extended to December 1st, 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbegh:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board, October 15th, 1884, ordering paid the sum of $802.35 to S. M. Pettingill & Co., for advertising in the New York papers the sale of water scrip, be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Public Works be requested to confer with this Board on Friday, November 7th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., concerning the awarding of contracts for the cleaning of streets and sewers during the next fiscal year.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the tax levy made and all taxes levied and assessed by the Assessor of the Second District of Jersey City, for the year 1884 and '85, a transcript of which has been filed in book form with this Board, be and are hereby confirmed, and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote at 8:30 p. m.

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Heppenheimer and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet Friday, November 7th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, November 7th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz and Heppenheimer.

Absent—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, November 10th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Clerk stated that he was instructed by the President to call the meeting for the transaction of regular business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John Whitmore for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petitions of William Braser and Babbett & Lawrence, attorneys, for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of W. W. Winans requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the city.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Jacob Reinhard for $225, for coal delivered at City Hall.

Claim of Albert Datz of $86, for warrant books furnished City Clerk's office.

Claim of S. M. Pettengill & Co. of $302.40, for advertising sale of water scrip in the New York Sun and New York Commercial Adviser.

Claim of S. M. Pettengill & Co. of $268.95, for advertising sale of water scrip in the New York Times and New York World.

Claim of S. M. Pettengill & Co. of $231, for advertising sale of water scrip in the New York Journal of Commerce and New York Wall Street News.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of Charles C. Jewell, as auctioneer, in the sum of $1,000, with G. P. Howell and John N. Fiacre as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY COLLECTOR.

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 7th, 1884.

Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I do hereby certify that I have received in my office from the Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Assessors' books, containing the tax levy for the year 1884, amounting, according to the recapitulation in said books as made by the Assessors, to the sum of one million eight hundred and ninety-four thousand six hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fifty-four cents ($1,894,658.54.)

Very respectfully,

JAMES H. LOVE,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, October 30th to November 7th, 1884, both days included, at $162,854.30.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. Extending water pipe in Virginia avenue.
2. Improvement of Winfield avenue.
3. Pay roll of Committee on Extensions and Distributions for month of October, 1884, amounting to $1,783.05.
4. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments month of October, 1884, amounting to $361.80.
5. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs month of October, 1884, amounting to $16.75.
6. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for shutting off water.
7. Ordering paid claim of A. H. Aldrich.
8. Ordering paid miscellaneous claims

On motion the Board took a recess of 15 minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of $1,000 from the appropriation for reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to the appropriation for Streets and Sewers Board of Public Works fiscal year 1883, '84, for the purpose of cleaning streets and sewers.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 20, 1884, awarding contract to Michael Shannon for the improvement of Central avenue, from the north side of Bowers street to the north side of Congress street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 20th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for repairing Cornish engine No. 2, at Belleville, be and is hereby awarded to the West Point Foundry Association at the price named in their proposal, viz:

One cast iron cylinder.

One cast iron bottom.

One cast iron piston and packing rings.

At nine (9) cents per pound finished weight that being the lowest bid received and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 13, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for laying water pipe in the following named streets according to specifications to be approved by this Board to wit:

Germania avenue, from Lincoln to Hutton streets.

Nelson avenue from Bleeker to North.

Randolph avenue, from its present terminus to Union street and in Union street east about

300 feet, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 3d, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $2,771.01, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 3d, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $351.63, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 3d, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $632.99, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 3d, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $16.75, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 6th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $822.37, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 27th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $433.36, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 27th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $798.35, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott; Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of J. N. Lawrence:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from J. N. Lawrence or his representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 3 block 636, without interest to wit:

Reassessment for the improvement of West Grand street pile foundation, 1874..... $4 67

Main sewer, section A, 2nd Drainage District, 1874..... 33 93

On petition of Peter Semler:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Peter Semler or his representative the face value of the following assessments without interest:

Main sewer in Bowers street, lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and D, block 745, 1878.....$277 00

Grading, curbing, flagging, bridging and paving gutters in Hancock avenue, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 745, 1877..... 87 20

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on the above described property are paid in full with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of these resolutions otherwise the resolutions to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of M. D. Vreeland:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to cancel of record the sales made to the City Treasurer for taxes for the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879 and 1880, on the following described property 132 feet on Bergen avenue and 682 feet on Van Riper avenue for the reason that the above described property has been twice assessed as per certificate of the City Clerk attached to the petition.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $14.00 be paid to Joseph Kugel for wood; $11.77 to Charles H. Scott for carpenter work; $50.40 to Jersey City Herald for advertising; $14 50 to P. H. Becker's Sons & Co., for repairs to furniture; $266 67 to Herring and Co. for safe in Collector's office; $20 00 to R. Porsche for printing; $43.00 to Evening Journal Association for advertising; $173.15 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $52.00 to Deutz Bros. for printing; $15.30 to J. C. Printing Co. for printing; $58.30 to W. G. Crempien for stationery; $12,25 to Chelsea Ice Co. for ice; $387.05 to Albert Datz for stationery; $50.40 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising; $15.00 to W. G. Crempien for resolution book; $7.50 to Charles H. Scott for carpenter work; $8.00 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising; $24.00 to the Argus for printing manuals; $4.82 to John Donelon for carpenter work; $3.00 to Terwilliger & Co. for opening safe; $8.00 to J. C. Herald for advertising.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr Jordan.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special Committee appointed to investigate the action of the Board of Police Commissioners in extinguishing the lights and leaving the streets in total darkness reported as follows:

Your committee appointed at the meeting of the Board held October 1st, 1884, to make a full investigation into the representations made by the Police Commissioners to the effect that they, the said Police Commissioners, were compelled to extinguish the gas lights throughout the city at 12 o'clock, midnight, unless a further appropriation be made by this Board, would respectfully report as follows: Your committee have, by meeting with the Police Board, and by investigation pursued through various channels, concluded that the responsibility must rest with the Board of Police Commissioners, and with them solely. The appropriation of the current year, fixed by this Board on July 19, 1883, for lamps and lights was $73,000. With a full knowledge

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of the limit placed upon them in this particular, the Board of Police Commissioners made the following contracts: With the Peoples' Gas Light Company, for 1,068 lights at $27.75 each, amounting to $29,637; with the Jersey City Gas Light Company, for 736 lights at $24.40 each, amounting to $17,958.40; and with the Baxter Electric Light Company, for 43 lights at $204 each, amounting to $8,772. A total of $56,367.40, has been used, presumably, for oil lamps. The remainder of the appropriation, $16,632.60.

The time during which, as the Police Board claim, the lights must be extinguished at midnight, is six weeks. Had they continued keeping them burning all night this would have been reduced to three weeks of total darkness all night. Taking the amount of $47,595.40, the total of the contracts with the two gas companies as a basis, and the three weeks of total darkness as about one-sixteenth of the whole time used to consume the entire appropriation, your committee find that it would require $3,000 to complete the year with uniform light, and we are satisfied that with a fair and reasonable amount of care this amount could have been easily saved from the moneys involved in the contracts, while allowing for the expenditure of the $8,772 for electric lights, an expenditure which, in the opinion of your committee, was a useless extravagance. In support of the foregoing assertion your committee would call attention to the fact that in New York, where the lights are kept burning all night and every night, that city pays $17.50 per light, or $16,025 less than Jersey City pays for the same number of lights, while in Newark the rate is $20 per light, or $11,515 less than Jersey City pays for the same number of lights.

In the opinion of your committee the Board of Police Commissioners could make contracts with reliable parties, who would furnish good and sufficient bonds, to supply this city with twenty-candle lights (the present lights being about fourteen-candle) at as low, if not a lower rate than those of New York or Newark.

Under the present system in this city the lights are not kept burning during moon-light nights, a system which, in the opinion of your committee, is wrong and unwarranted.

The Board of Police Commisioners have asked your Board to make a special appropriation for the purpose of keeping the lights burning during the remainder of the fiscal year, knowing when they made the request, that it was beyond the power of your Board to grant it, and your committee would recommend in conclusion that the request of the Police Commissioners be not granted, and this Board declare that all responsibility must rest solely with said Police Commissioners.

[Signed] A. A. HARDENBERGH,
EMIL E. DATZ,
OTTO HEPPENHEIMER.
Committee.

The ayes and nayes having been called on the above report, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of fifty thousand dollars, on account of county tax for the year 1884 and '85.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from general to water account as a loan.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes--President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenberg and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet Friday, November 14th, at 4 o'clock, p.m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, November 14th, 1884, at 4 o'clock, p.m.

Present, all the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of the National storage Co. and John Fullam for compromise of assessment, both of which were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Anna E. Miller, First Directress of the Home for aged Women to have certain property owned by the Home for aged Women exempt from taxes. Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from C. Zabriskee, in reference to the payment of bonds No.'s 353 to 357, both inclusive, received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of W. G. Crempin of $22, for printing envelopes.

Claim of the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co. for $17.50, for rent on instrument and tollage from July 1st to October 1st, 1884.

Claim of R. Porsche of $21 for printing.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller for Stationery, received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax reported the receipts for the two weeks ending November 13, 1884, to be $509.68.

The City Treasurer reported the following total balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day to be $113,152.58

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claim of Gilhooly and Marsh for taxed costs recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Gilhooly and Marsh for the sum of $83.96, being amount of taxed costs in the case of William H. Rankin vs. James H. Love, Collector, &c., provided that a satisfaction piece for the cancellation of said judgment be filed with the City Clerk before the warrant is delivered.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Henry Steffens as auctioneer in the sum of $1,000 with George R. Hillier and Francis Clarke as sureties, be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Charles C. Jewell as auctioneer in the sum of $1,000 with G. P. Howell and John N. Fiacre as sureties, be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolution and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 3d, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $115.01 be paid to W. W. Farrier; $60 to Charles H. Scott; $165.50 and $150 to E. W. Keeney, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, Ttat the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 6, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $12.50 be paid W. W. Farrier; $22 to Humphrey Price; $30.44 to B. Eagen; $7.80 to Evening Journal Association; $12 to McArdle & Powers; $113.44 to Charles H. Scott; $153.50 to E W. Keeney; $117.22 to Richard Dudgeon; $7 80 and $9.10 to Evening Journal Association; $19.25 to T. F. Noonan; $21.85 to Richard Dudgeon; $7.80 and $5.25 to Evening Journal Association; $127 to Hector McMullen; $4.95 to National Meter Co., $414; to Henry Stuhr; $27,25 to National Meter Co.; $11.01 to H. F. Stovekin; $14 50 to Charles H. Scott; $20 to N. J. Car Spring Co.; $12 95 to John Maloney; $37 50 to Albert Datz; $35.25 to Henry Stuhr; $8.50 to B. F Corduan; $3 and $48.25 to Albert Datz; $7 50 to O. W. Perry; $260.73 to Wood & Menagh be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following concurrent resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 13, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $456.57 be paid to Dennis Byrnes; $90 to Joseph Seals; $67.50 and $25 to J. C. Westervelt; $194.98 to Theo. Smith & Bro.; $220 to E O'Donnell; $62.55 to Weston & Fiske; $56.19 to Wood & Menagh; $179.22 to Warren Foundry and Machine Company; $124.04 and $139.36 to Davenport, Treacy & Co.; $466 84 to Fox & Drummond; $79 60 to Dugan & Fitzsimons; $67.75 to Jordan Stationary Company; $6 to L. Buckley; $9 to Carl Gulberg; $10.50 to Bartley Coulan; $6.75 to Nicholas Mooney; $44 and $20 to Albert Datz; $67.30 to R H. McFarland, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 3d, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $32.50 be paid to A. H. Aldrich for 13 days' services as inspector, recovering the water main over the Hackensack Meadows in month of October, 1884, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 15th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $111.20, $148.16, $103.52 and $225 be paid to Davenport, Treacy & Co.; $40 to John McLaughlin; $51 to Nicholas Ott; $77 to Hector McMullen; $8 to Lynch & Murphy; $51.21 and $8.39 to Steele & Condict; $14.15 to Charles Steck: $38.25 to Albert Datz; $2 to J. C. Herald; $9.10 to the Argus; $11.60 to E. Losey; $9 to John H. Ward; $6.13 to Christie Keeler be, and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works September 22d, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $20, $15, $15, $17.50, $12.50, $12.50, $17.50, $20, $27.50, $10 50, $10.50, $10.50, $10.50, $25, $22.50 and $25 to the J. C. Argus; $5.25, $6.25, $6.25, $5.25, $6.25 and $9.25 to the N. J. Freie Presse be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 15, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $25, $20 and $33 be paid to the Argus, $4, $5, $5, $6 50, $7 and $4 to the Jersey City Herald, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 29, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $20.70 be paid to John Cogan, $250 to Northup & Co., $330 to E. O'Donnell, $6.50 to the Argus, $188.12 to Davenport, Tracey & Co, $17.36 to the American District Telegraph Company, $19.60 to F. A. Smith, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 11, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $175.31 be paid to Weston & Fiske for oil, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Wokks, August 4, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $190.72 be paid to John Maloney, $51.10 to Thomas Roles, $64.20 to M. Farley, and $50 to John Griffin for painting hydrants, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 11, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $34.80 be paid to Hepe & Co., $7.22 to W. W. Ruggles, $103.38 to Weston & Fiske, $4.40 to Charles Keeney, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 1, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $42 be paid to Van Keuren & Lathrop, $22.50 to F. P. Budden, $150.12 to W. T. St. George, $67.90 to Wright & Martin and $80 to R. H. McFarland be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 15, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $2, $2 be paid to Jersey City Herald, $33.15 to John A. Vill, $71.69 to F. A. Smith, $30 to Wood & Menagh, $8 to Patrick Sherry, $2.25 to N. J. Car Spring and Rubber Co., $22 40 to Lewis Stevens, $19.93 to Washburne & Bro., $12.25 to F. Porretts' Sons, $22.40 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $90 to Joseph Seals, $9.10 to J. C. Argus, $17.90 to John A. Vill, $25.69 to F. A. Smith, $24.66 to A. E. Sanford, $11.95 to F. Porretts' Sons, $22.80 to Washburne & Bros. $112.05 to F. A. Smith, $2 to Patrick Sherry, $10.90 to Cooke & Co., $119.08 to John M. Hughes, $203.21 to Common Sense Metalic Packing Co., $124.33 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $30.75 to E W. Keeney, $132.76 to Wood & Menagh, $41 to N. J. Car Spring and Rubber Co., $81.50 to John Kelly, $5 to John A. Vill, $28.53 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $110.50 to Nicholas Ott, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 22, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $48 be paid to John J. Mara Bros.; $8.50 to Patrick Sherry; $4.25 to N. J. Freie Presse. $33 to William Gaston; $14.70 to Evening Journal Association; $2.65 and $2 05 to N. J. Freie Presse; $115 to P. Manley; $2 25 to H. R. Worthington; $132.75 to E. W. Keeney; $25 to Frank G. Glock; $126 93 to Warner & Carscallen; $4.25 to N. J. Freie Presse; $10 to Phillip Muldoon; $16 to John P. Kellaher, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 2, 1884, to wit.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, and approval of the Mayor and Aldermen, the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the application in writing of P. H. Carling and others for the construction of a sewer in Palisade avenue from South street to North street, and authorizing the Commissioners of Assessment with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey to make and report an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling, and amount of work to be done, and materials to be furnished for the making and completion of the said improvement, be and is hereby concurred by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of R. Porsche:

Resolved, That the sum of $21 be paid to R. Parsche for printing,

On claim of W. G. Crempien:

Resolved, That the sum of $22 be paid to W. G. Crempien for printing envelopes.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of school houses in cities of the first class in this State," approved February 15th, 1883, and the supplements thereto, the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) be borrowed from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the purpose of making payment for the school house site heretofore selected on Danforth avenue, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and Aldermen, under the corporate seal of the city, in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, payable in three years from the date of said bond.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby notified that hereafter this Board will not concur in any pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions of said Board exceeding in any one month the sum of eight hundred dollars ($800).

The ayes and nays have been called on the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On mation the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held in the City Hall, Friday, November 14th, 1884, at 4.30 o'clock, p. m.

Present all the members.

By Commissioner Hardenbergh,

Resolved. That the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) be loaned from the Sinking Fund of 1882, No. 2, to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, upon a temporary loan bond issued for the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000), payable in three years, in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Finance and Taxation, adopted November 14, 1884, in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of school houses in cities of the first class in this State." Approved February 13th, 1883, and the supplements thereto.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, Nov. 17th, 1884, at 8 o'clock a. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

The clerk stated that the meeting was called by order of the President for the purpose of taking action on resolutions from the Board of Public Works in the matter of advertising for proposals for cleaning streets and sewers of Jersey City for the fiscal year beginning Dec. 1, 1884, and ending Nov. 30, 1885.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred:

1. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for cleaning the streets of Jersey City by districts.

2. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City.

On motion the rules were suspended and the following resolutions were offered by Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works November 14, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City for one year, ending November 30, 1885, in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and adopted by the Board of Public Works and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Datz:

Whereas the districts of this city are divided by arbitrary lines, in most instances the centres of streets, and an attempt to regulate the sanitary measures of the city by reference to such division would produce confusion and create unnecessary charges against the moneys which the taxpayers are compelled to contribute for the purpose of cleaning such streets; and, whereas in the opinion of this Board there does not exist any proper reason why the work of cleaning the streets should be divided by districts, such division being calculated to avoid competition by those who have facilities for the proper performance of the work; therefore,

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, November 14, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for cleaning the streets of Jersey City by Aldermanic Districts for one year, commencing Dec. 1, 1884, and ending Nov. 30, 1885, according to specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and adopted by the Board of Public Works and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation.

Be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, November 19th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Alemena M. Culver to have a duplicate assessment cancelled.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of E. D. Gilmore, attorney for John C. Coffee, requesting payment of coupons and tax costs.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of M. W. Alexander for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petitions of Abraham Collard and Garrett Van Horne for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $56 for printing manuals, pages 71 to 97, inclusive.

Claim of D. C. Farley of $3.75 for a water cooler.

Claim of the Sunday Tattler Publishing Company of $50.50 for printing law case of the Mayor and Aldermen vs. Elmendorf.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk for printing.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the Chief Engineer in reference to the work done by the men employed by the Water Department.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting this Board to instruct him to publish the notice of redemption and lists from sale for taxes of 1878.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, November 13th to 19th, 1884, both days included, to be $131,885.95.

Received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Counsel reported on petition of William W. Winans requesting payment of a judgement, advising the Board to take no action on the petition.

The petition was received and referred to the President of this Board.

The Corporation Counsel reported on petition of C. Zabriskie in reference to the payment of certain bonds, recommending that the Board decline to pay the bonds referred to in the petition, or any interest thereon.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners ordering the report of the Special Committee on Lamps and Lights of this Board returned to this Board.

The same was received and referred to the Special Committee.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer of $80 from the Committee on Books, Stationery and Music to the Committee on Furniture and Repairs.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. Specifications for cleaning the streets of Jersey City by contract.

2. Specifications for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City by contract.

3. Authorizing Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for cleaning the streets of Jersey City by dividing the city into four districts.

4. Authorizing Committee on Sewers to advertise for proposals for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City and requesting concurrence in the specifications for the same.

5. Requesting this Board to make arrangements for the purchase of the main water pipe owned by the American Water and Gas Pipe Company to supply the city of Bayonne with water.

6. Requesting this Board to instruct the City Clerk to cancel the sale against lot No. 23, block 102, Madison avenue, assessed to P. Riley and sold for water rents of 1870.

7. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $80 from the Committee on Books, Stationery and Music to the account of Furniture and Repairs, Board of Directors of Education, fiscal year 1883 and '84.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Nov. 18, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for cleaning the streets of Jersey City for one year, ending November 30, 1885, in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and adopted by this Board and approved by his Honor the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, and further

Resolved, That Jersey City be divided into four districts, as follows:

First District—All that portion of Jersey City bounded on the north by the Pennsylvania Railroad, on the south by the Morris Canal, on the east by the Hudson River, on the west by Mill Creek.

Second District—All that portion of Jersey City bounded on the north by the Pennsylvania Railroad, on the south by the southerly boundary line of Jersey City, on the east by the Mill Creek and Morris Canal, on the west by the Hackensack River.

Third district—All that portion of Jersey City bounded on the north by the Paterson plank road, on the south by the Pennsylvania railroad, on the east by Division street, and on the west by the Hackensack river.

Fourth district—All that portion of Jersey City bounded on the north by the northerly boundary line of Jersey City, on the south by the Pennsylvania railroad, on the east by the Hudson river, on the west by Prior street extended, and also

Resolved, That proposals be received for cleaning each of the foregoing districts separately in accordance with the specifications, be and is hereby nonconcurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, for the reason that this Board does not deem it for the best interests of the city that the city should be divided into districts for the purpose of cleaning by contract.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, November 18th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the specifications for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1st 1884, and ending November 30th, 1885, in accordance with specifications prepared by the Chief Engineer, be and is hereby adopted by the Board of Public Works, and that the same be submitted to his Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Finance and Taxation for their approval, and further

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City for one year, ending November 30th 1885, in accordance with specifications prepared by the Chief Engineer, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Nov. 3, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $361.80, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 6, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $32.50, $25, $17.50, $20, $27.50, $20, $17.50, $7.80, $7.80 and $7.80 be paid to the Evening Journal Association, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 20th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $46, $35.50, $22.50 be paid to the Argus; $8.25, $9.25, $5.25, $8.25 to N. J. Freie Presse; $27.50 and $32.52 to Evening Journal Association, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 27th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $7.80 be paid to J. C. Argus; $1.80, $1.80, $1.50 and $3 to J. C. Herald; $86.70 to J. J. O'Crowley; $55.20 to Davenport, Treacy Co.; $23.50 to E. Losey; $50.32 to Wood & Menagh; $200 to Van Keuren & Lathrop, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 27th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $3.50, $8.50, $5, $7.50, $5.50 and $38, be paid to the Argus, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 20th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $109.16 be paid to Warner & Carscallen, $37 to Joseph Seals, $20.76 to F. A. Smith, $8.25 to Patrick Sherry, $14.69 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $22.20 to James Kelter, $7.80 and $7.80 to the Argus, $2.65 and $2.65 to the N. J. Freie Presse, $51.38 to Weston & Fiske, $33.92 to F. A. Smith, $151.30 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $149.58 to Weston & Fiske, $162.92 and $408.95 to Fox & Drumond, $129.08, $126.60 and $225 to Davenport, Treacy & Co., $52.55 to J. Kelley, $15 to George Whyte, $16.99 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $3.84 to Steele & Conduct, $20 to Phillip Muldoon, $46.10 to Jersey City Printing Company, $13.65 to F. A. Smith, $11.80 to E. Losey, $54 to J. C. Argus, $36 50 to R. H. McFarland, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of Babbitt & Lawrence:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Babbitt & Lawrence, attorneys, or their representatives, the face value of the following assessments, without interest:

Improvement of Bergen avenue, Communipaw to Montgomery, lots 77, 76 and 37 and 36, block 276.279, 1878.. $18 00

Main Sewer in Section "B," 2d Drainage District, lots 37 and 36, block 276 279, 1874..... 30 00

On petition of Garrett Van Horne:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Garrett Van Horne, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments, without interest, on lots 43, 42, 41 and 44, block 436, to wit:

Sewer in Walnut street from Morris Canal to Pine street, 1874..... $48 92

Widening and extension of Walnut street, 1878..... 106 00

On petition of John Fullam:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from John Fullam, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments without interest:

Sewer in South street, lots 73 and 74, block 748, 1878..... $16 00

Main sewer, 3d ward, old Hudson City, lots 73 and 74, block 748, 1879..... 16 00

On petition of The National Storage Company:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from The National Storage Company, or its representative, the face value of the following assessment without interest:

Improvement of Caven Point avenue from Central R. R. to Pacific avenue, lots, assessors' numbers, 74 and 74, block 1497, 1878.....$175 00

Providing all other assessments and taxes due on the above described property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and, provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Michael Reardon:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn

City Treasurer in favor of Michael
on for the sum of $8, being a duplicate
nt on lot No. 5, block 182, for water
or the year 1884, and that the Water
rar be notified.
Petition of John Whitmore:
olved, That a warrant be drawn on the
Treasurer in favor of John Whitmore
e sum of $9.48, being a duplicate pay-
on lot 187, block 737, for water rents for
ar 1879, as per certificate of the Water
rar attached to the petition, and that
ater Registrar be notified.
Petition of J. H. Loomis:
olved, That a warrant be ordered drawn
City Treasurer in favor of J. H. Loomis,
Estate Agent of the Philadelphia and
ng Railroad for the sum of $9.84, being
ount paid in error on part of plot "A,"
527 for taxes, the property being owned
ne taxes paid by Joseph H. Bumstead.
Petition of Dr. Hugh T. Adams:
olved, That a warrant be ordered drawn
City Treasurer in favor of Dr. Hugh T.
s for the sum of $8, being amount paid
or on lots 42, 43,, block 777, for water
for the year 1881, 1882, 1883 and 1884, as
tificate of the Water Assessor attached
petition, and that the Water Regis-
be notified.
Petition of E. P. Haslam:
olved, That a warrant be ordered drawn
City Tseasurer in favor of E. P. Has-
r the sum of $11.40, being an amount
error on lots 31 and 32, block 230 Dun-
enue, for water rents for the year 1884
885, as per certificate of the Water As-
attached to the petition, and that the
Registrar be notified.
Petition of Jacob Ballin:
olved, That the petition of Jacob Ballin
return of money paid on vacant prop-
or water rents be not granted, for the
that this Board has no power to return
paid under the circumstances.
ayes and nays having been called on the
resolutions the reports of the committee
received and the resolutions adopted by
lowing vote:
s—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz,
nbergh and Jordan.
ent—Mr. Heppenheimer.
Committee on Printing, Stationery and
ies reported on claims recommending that
nts be ordered drawn as follows:
5 to D. C. Farley for water cooler; $50 50
Sunday Tattler for publishing law case;
$56 to the Argus for printing manuals, pages 71 to 97.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $5,000 to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George F. McAneny for the sum of $50 for services as secretary of the Committee on Revision of Assessments for three months ending November 18, 1884.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the official papers for the length of time required by law a list of property still unredeemed sold by the corporation of Jersey City August 28, 1882, for unpaid taxes of 1878.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be instructed to report to this Board at its next meeting draft of a law whereby improvements may be made by owners of property at their own expense, provided that the same be made under the supervision of the Street Commissioner under the rules and regulations of the city charter. It being the object and intent of this Board that improvements may be made when required provided the city be not required to issue improvement certificates therefor, but that the same may be a direct lien to the contractor upon the property thus improved, and to the further intent that such certificates for improvements shall not as heretofore be added to the debt of the city whereby its credit is unnecessarily impaired.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenberg, and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Tuesday, November 25th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of George Stratford for an adjustment of taxes.

Petitions were received from William P. Douglass, Attorney for the Executors of the Estate of Emmanuel Pyle, deceased, John Lawless and Elizabeth Smith for compromise of assessments.

Communication from Job H. Lippincott, Attorney, enclosing a copy of a mandamus in the case of the State, George H. Farrier, County Collector, &c., relator, vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City et als.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $221 for printing and stationery for Comptroller's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $42.25 for stationery for Treasurer's office.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $10.22 for messenger service for the month of October, 1884.

All received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, November 19th to 25th, 1884, both days included, at $95,-403.75.

Menzies C. Cleveland, Agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the the receipts for the two weeks ending November 25, 1884, to be $465.04.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works certifying the number of days employed in laying water pipe, &c., during month of November, 1884.

Received and referred to Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The Corporation Counsel reported on petition of John C. Coffee for payment of coupons due on bond No. 430, advising that Mr. Coffee proceed with the pending suit or submit to a judgment of non pros.

The above matter was received and ordered filed.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 3, 1884, awarding contract to Myles Tierney for the improvement of Winfield avenue, from Ocean avenue to the South side of Avenue E. Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr Heppenheimer.

On motion the rules were suspended and the following resolution was offered by Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by this Board September 24th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 1st, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the salary of John W. Ellison, Water Purveyor elect, be fixed at the same rate as that received by the late Purveyor, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void

On motion the Board returned to reports of standing committees.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 29th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $83.34 be paid to John W. Ellison for twenty-five day's services as Water Purveyor in month of September, 1884, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 27th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $100 be paid to John W. Ellison for services as Water Purveyor for the month ending October 31st, 1884, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of Isabella Smith:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Isabella Smith, or her representative, the face value of the following assessments on lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, block 895, without interest:

Sewer in Cambridge avenue, North to South streets, 1878	$2 75
Sewer in South street, 1878	4 47
Main sewer Third Ward, old Hudson City, 1879	8 00

On petitian of A. Collard:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Abram Collard or his representative the face value of the following assessments without interest on lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 619:

Main sewer in Newark avenue, from Five Corners to Hackensack River, 1874	$92 08
Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877	39 95
Improvement of Newark avenue Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878	38 00

On petition of John Lawless:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from John Law-

less or his representative the face value of the following assessments without interest on lot 12, block 526.

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877. $141 18
Improvement of Newark avenue Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878.. 3 60

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on the above described property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further, that all payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of these resolutions, otherwise the resolutions to be null et void and of no effect.

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of November, 1884, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of November, 1884, when due, viz.:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
John F. Kelly, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00

Clerks to Collector S. D. Dickinson, $88.33; John T. M. Kaylor, $70; Lewis E. Smith, $70; Charles Krebs, $70; Charles Freeman, $70; William H. Tuttle, $70; James E. Connolly, $70; Patrick O'Neill, messenger, $60; Charles G. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller, $70; Menzie C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, $75; William H. Powell, Marshal 2nd District Court, $50; Clerks to City Clerk, Thomas K. Halstead, $75; N. E. Feury, $75; R. L. Hudson, $66.66; Jarvis P. Wanser, $66.66; Assessor James F. Gannon, 1st District, $125; Dennis McLaughlin, 2d District, $125; Hugh Dugan, 3d District, $125; Stephen P. Yoe, 4th District, $125; James T. Lillis, 5th District, $125; James C. Clarke, 6th District, $125; printing minutes, The Argus, $208.33; the Evening Journal, $208.33; cleaning rooms in City Hall, Bridget Parker, $30; Elizabeth Lynch, $30; extra clerks in bill room, William H. Dalton, $70; William H. O'Brien, $70; Stephen Quaife, $70; Harry Halsey, $70; Mathew Towey, $70; James Scanlon, $70.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of extra clerks for seven days' services during the month of October, 1884, as follows:

William N. O'Brien, $16.34; James Scanlan, $16.34; Stephen Quaife, $16.34; Mathew Towey, $16.34; Harry F. Halsey, $16.34; William H. Dalton, $16.34.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, as follows:

$42.25 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery.

$10.22 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service for month of October, 1884.

$5.57 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service for month of June, 1884.

$12.21 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service for month of September, 1884.

$13.76 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service for month of August, 1884.

$12.04 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service for month of July, 1884.

$221 to Albert Datz for stationery and printing.

$6 to Joseph Mackey for A B C Guide for Collector's office.

$34 to F. D. Linn & Co. for copies of Laws of New Jersey, 1871 to 1884.

$17.50 to N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. for rent of instrument and tollage from July 1st to October 1st, 1884.

$22.50 to Wm. W. Farrier for repairs to chandelier.

$99.49 to Wm. W. Farrier for plumbing work.

$19.80 to N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Company for rent of instrument and tollage from April 1st to July 1st, 1884.

$12.25 to Chelsea Ice Company for ice delivered at City Hall.

$10.40 to B. F. Corduan for lock and keys for office.

$86 to Albert Datz for warrant books.

$99.75 to Albert Datz for stationery.

$80 to P. H. Hanley for window shades for Comptroller's office.

$231, $302.40 and $268.95 to S. M. Pettingill & Co., for advertising bonds.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William A. Creamer for the sum of twenty-five dollars for services in attendance at the meetings of the Assessors and the Committee on Revision of Assessments.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board May 28th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $5,000, to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan, be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void, and the City Clerk be directed to cancel the warrant.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board May 1st, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $25,000, to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan, be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void and of no effect, and the City Clerk be directed to cancel the warrant.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of December, 1884, interest:

On general account	$13,500
On general account, to pay interest on assessment bonds	20,000
On general account, to pay interest on assessment bonds	22,000
On water account	8,680

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transfer the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) from the contingent fund to the appropriation for salaries Board of Finance and Taxation, fiscal year 1883-'84.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transfer the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) from the Contingent Fund to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies Board of Finance and Taxation fiscal year 1883-84.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet Friday, November 28th, 1884, at 3.45 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Friday, November 28th, 1884, at 3.45 o'clock p. m.

Absent—All the members.

In the absence of all the members, the Clerk adjourned the meeting to Monday, December 1st, 1884, at 7 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, December 1st, 1884, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Samuel Baile, Mary J. Wallace and the Estate of Edward Evans.

Petition of Vreedenbergh & Garretson, attorneys for John A. Effray, for the return of money paid in error on taxes of 1884.

All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Jacob Ringle & Son of $93.45 for putting up and repairing stoves in offices in City Hall.

Claim of Elijah T. Paxton of $136.55 for disbursements as Corporation Attorney to December 1st, 1884.

Both claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The President submitted the following communication, which was ordered spread at large on the minutes and filed.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen of the Board—"I take pleasure in announcing that the State Assessors have this day filed with the State Comptroller their first assessment of the railroad and canal property of New Jersey. The amount assessed against this class of property reaches very nearly one million of dollars for State purposes. The Board has also assessed over $200,000 against miscellaneous corporations for State uses. These two sources of revenue will be sufficient to obviate any necessity of a State tax upon other classes of property and preserve from attack the money assessed for the benefit of the municipalities. I make this announcement in answer to statements recently made at a meeting of the Citizens' Association, that the necessities of the State would lead to an appropriation for State uses of a portion of the tax levied for the benefit of our city. The fact that a State tax upon individual property will be avoided is in itself a great boon to Jersey City. The last State tax imposed was of one tenth of one per cent. and the proportion paid by Jersey City was $59,406. In addition to the State tax there has been assessed upon the property of the Railroad and Canal Companies for the benefit of Jersey City for the sum of $217,083.53, which the State authorities are required to collect and pay to the City Collector. Adding to this the amount which would be assessed upon our present valuations of a mill tax for State uses we find that the direct benefit to this city under provisions of the laws of 1884, will reach $277,000. With to-day Jersey City enters upon a new fiscal year and I feel it my duty to call the attention of the various departments to an evil that has grown to proportions calculated to bring discredit upon the city and do great injustice to those who deal with us. I refer to the practice of incurring obligations for labor and material in excess of the amounts fixed as the limits of expenditure by the several Boards. There are now several hundred claimants who have supplied the city with work or materials under the direction of individual members of the city government only to find that their claims could not be met because they are in excess of appropriations made for the late fiscal year. This is a great hardship, because it is impossible that every one who delivers goods or renders service to the city can ascertain the condition of the appropriation to which he must look for compensation. From personal investigation I find that there is a general entertainment of the idea that a member of a city board escapes responsibility if he orders goods and refuses to pay for them, after finding that the appropriation to his Board has been exceeded. This theory should be exploded for the benefit of the public and the Commissioners. The act of 1876 (laws of 1876, page 16) is clear and sweeping. It provides that if any Board of Aldermen or Common Councilmen, or any Board of Education or any Board of Commissioners of any county, township, city, town or borough in this State, or any committee or member of any such board or commission shall disburse, order or vote for the disbursement of public moneys in excess of the appropriation respectively to any such board or committee, or shall incur obligations in excess of the appropriation and limit of expenditure provided by law for the purposes respectively of any such board or committee, the members thereof, and each member thereof, thus disbursing, ordering or voting for the disbursement and expenditure of public moneys, or thus incurring obligations in excess of the amount appropriated and limited by law, shall be severally deemed guilty of malfeasance in office. When an appropriation is exhausted; any member of a Board who incurs an obligation—who orders goods or labor and creates a charge which is in excess of the appropriation renders himself liable to indictment. Let me illustrate: There are several cases now pending in our Courts wherein the plaintiffs have delivered goods or rendered services at the request of members of various Boards. The work and materials were ordered in excess of the appropriations, and when the claims were presented to the Boards payment was refused. In one instance the appropriation was made for the payment of rent, among other charges, under leases heretofore made. The amount of rent was a fixed charge against the appropriation, but the Board expended their allowance without considering this charge, so that the appropriation has been used, and the rent is unpaid. In all of these cases, there has been a clear violation of the law. Such abuses cannot be shielded by the cloak of custom. It is not necessary that an officer should vote for the payment of a claim to render him amenable to the law, it is sufficient that he incurs an excessive obligation. A recent decision of our Court of Errors and Appeals renders a careful consideration of this statute of the highest importance, it being held that a criminal intent need not be shown. The fact that a prohibited obligation has been incurred establishes responsibility. During the past year the bonded and floating debt of the city has been decreased over $500,000, and it will be necessary to make provision to meet the following bonds:

War bonds, 7 per cent., maturing January 1885, $47,000.

Revenue bonds, 7 per cent., maturing January, 1886, $400,000.

The last-named bonds fall due in the next fiscal year, but if it is considered desirable to renew them it will be necessary to secure legislative action during the approaching season.

The following resolutions were received from

the Board of Public Works and Board of Aldermen and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims:

1. Requesting transfer of the amounts appropriated to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds for the months January, February, March, April and May, 1885, to the same committee for the month of December, 1884, for the purpose of paying fire insurance.

2. Requesting transfer of $162.42, being the balance remaining to the credit of the appropriation for salaries to the appropriation for Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, fiscal year 1883 and 1884 for the purpose of paying claims.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a reapportionment of moneys appropriated for the relief of outdoor poor fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Five pay-rolls of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments.

2. Two pay-rolls of Committee on Extension and Distribntions.

3. Two pay-rolls of Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs.

4. Fixing the salary of Peter McGowan as tapper at $900.

5. Ordering paid claim of John W. Ellison of $100 for services as Water Purveyor for month of November, 1884.

6. Ordering paid claims of John E. Muller for insurance.

7. Ordering paid claim of Mattheisen & Wichers for water meters.

8. Three resolutions ordering paid miscellaneous claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board re-assembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting transfers, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $162.42 from the account of salaries to the account of Public Buildings and Grounds, fiscal year 1883–84, Board of Public Works fiscal year 1883–84, for the purpose of paying claims.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the amounts appropriated to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds for the months of January, February, March, April and May, 1885, to the credit of the same committee for the month of December, 1884, for the purpose of paying fire insurance.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following pay rolls from the Board of Public Works recommending that they be concurred in:

1. Pay roll as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of November, 1884, amounting to $798.35.

2. Pay roll as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for reassessing Jersey City for the month of November, 1884, amounting to $337.50.

3. Pay roll as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for packing meter boxes for the month of November, 1884, amounting to $80.49.

4. Pay roll as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for shutting off water for the month of November, 1884, amounting to $270.75.

5. Pay roll as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of November 1884, amounting to $433.34.

6. Pay roll as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of November, 1884, amounting to $2,574.16.

7. Pay roll as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of November, 1884, amounting to $138.58.

8. Pay roll as presented by the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of November, 1884, amounting to $990.70.

9. Pay roll as presented by the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of November, 1884, amounting to $26.50.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 1st, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $5.20 be paid to John E. Muller for fire insurance at pipe yard, &c.

$422.49 to John E. Muller for fire insurance on public building and school house.

$86.88 be paid to John E. Muller for fire insurance at Belleville and high service, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of Mary J. Wallace:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Mary J. Wallace or her representative the face value of the following assessment, without interest, to wit:

Sewer in Gardner avenue, Monmouth to Palisade avenue, lot 62, block 287, 1874	$47 28

On petition of the estate of Edward Evans:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from the estate of Edward Evans or its representatives the face value of the following assessments on lots 11, 12 and 13, block 525, without interest:

Lateral sewer in Newark avenue, Oakland to Summit, 1878	$425 00
Main sewer, 9th ward, Perry to old city line, 1879	16 00
Improvement Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, 1878	562 00
Improvement Hoboken avenue, 1877.	12 00

On petition of Samuel Baile:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Samuel Baile, or his representative, the face value of the following assessments on lot 34, block 352, without interest:

Widening West Grand street, Mill Creek to Colden Place, 1874	$— 85
Improvement of Westervelt Place, Mill road to Grand street, 1870	36 57
Sewer Westervelt Place, Mill road to Grand street, 1871	60 18
Main sewer, Section "A," 2d Drainage District, 1874	27 79

Improvement West Grand street, pile foundation, 1874..... 4 93
Improvement Mill road, 1874..... 272 04

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on the above described property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any: and provided further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of these resolutions, otherwise the resolutions to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn as follows: $136,55 to E. T. Paxton for disbursements as Corporation Attorney; $93.45 to Jacob Ringle & Son for putting up and repairing stoves in City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenberg and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for receiving petitions for compromise of assessments be extended to January 15. 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $2,000 to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the appropriation for the relief of outdoor poor Board of Aldermen for the fiscal year commencing December 1st, 1884, be reapportioned as follows :

December, $180; January, $2,000; February, $2,000; March, $1,400 April to November, both inclusive $400 each month.

By Mr. Datz :

Resolved, That the sum of $250 be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriations heretofore made for each of the months of December, 1884 and January 1885, being in all the sum of $500 to the appropriation for streets and sewers of the Board of Public Works, said sum of $500 to be used for the removal of garbage from the streets of Jersey City.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the District Attorney of New York County, State of New York, be and he is hereby authorized in connection with the Corporation Attorney of Jersey City, and John Croak, special attorney, to cancel the five Jersey City bonds dated July 1st, 1873, numbered 358, 424, 425, 426 and 432 for $1,000 each held by the State authorties of New York and belonging to Jersey City, the said bonds so cancelled to be returned to this Board and kept in the custody of the City Treasurer of Jersey City subject to the order of the proper authorities of New York who may desire to use said bonds in evidence.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenburg and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the salary of George R. Hough, Clerk to the City Comptroller be fixed at the rate of $1,500 per year.

On motion the resolution was laid on the table.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That this Board proceed to the designation of official papers of Jersey City.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Sunday Tattler be and the same is hereby designated and appointed as an official paper of Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—Mr Heppenheimer.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Evening Journal be and is hereby designated and appointed as an official paper of Jersey City.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Jersey City Argus be and is hereby designated and appointed as an official paper of Jersey City.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Jersey City Herald be and is hereby designated and appointed as an official paper of Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet Thursday, December 4th, 1884, at 7 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 4th, 1884, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of R. H. H. Steele for cancellation of personal tax for the year 1876.

Petition of Ella Riley for compromise of assessments.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of Joseph E. Tilt as Poundkeeper in the sum of $500, with Valentine Puster and William Symes as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Requisitions were received from the City Comptroller and Clerk to the Board of Finance.

Both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer of $18.40 from the account of annual report to the account of printing and blanks.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolution was received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for cleaning the streets of Jersey City for each of the four districts as described in the specifications, and also for proposals for the whole work.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled the same members present,

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, December 4, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for cleaning the streets of Jersey City for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1885, according to specifications adopted by this Board.

Said advertisements for proposals to be for each of the four districts as described in the specifications, and also proposals for the whole work, this Board reserving the right to award the contract or contracts, as the proposals may show to be for the best interests of the city, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, November 18, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to cancel the amount of sale against lot No. 23, block No. 102 Madison avenue, assessed to P. Riley and sold for water rents of 1870, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, November 18, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $275 be paid to W. T. St. George for roofing, &c., at Belleville. Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of Ella Riley for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Ella Riley or her representative the face value of the following assessments without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Mandeville avenue, Bergen to West side avenue, block 528½, 325 feet, 1870..... $105 20

Establishing grade on Mandeville avenue, lot 72, block 112, 1870..... 16 78

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interests and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record the sale made for taxes of 1876, on plot 4 to 8, block 706, on payment of the amount assesssed upon the value of the real estate thus described, with interest and cost of suit.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000), on account of county tax for the year 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the further sale of the bonds of Jersey City be referred to the Committee on Finance and claims with power.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott and Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, December 8th, 1884, at 7 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, December 8th, 1884, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer. In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of James A. Alexander for compromise of assessments.

Petition of Frank Mathews for an adjustment of taxes.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The American District Telegraph Company of $5.91 for messenger service for the month of December, 1884.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering the suspension of work on streets, the appropriation being exhausted.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City to George F. Swift at the price named in his proposal.

2. Awarding contract for laying water pipe to Lawrence McGovern.

3. Fixing the salary of William T. Odell, Assistant Water Assessor, at $900 per annum.

4. Fixing the salary of Francis Reynolds, stableman, at pipe yard at $50 per month.

5. Fixing the salary of John H. Sullivan at $900 per annum.

6. Fixing the salary of John C. Archibald, extra clerk, at $70 per month.

7. Authorizing Committee on Extension and Distributions to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering water pipe.

On motion the Board took a recess of twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled the same members present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of $250 be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for reconstruction of Streets and Sewers, made for each of the months of February and March, 1885, being in all the sum of $500, to the appropriation for cleaning streets of Jersey City, Board of Public Works, said sum of $500 to be used for the removal of garbage from the streets of Jersey City.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby instructed to supervise the condition of the rooms in which this Board hold their sessions with a view to their cleanliness and the proper accommodations of this Board at their meetings.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, It is alleged by the public press that the sanitary condition of Jersey City is detrimental to its best interests; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by the Chair to consider the subject and report to this Board what action is necessary to be taken by the city authorities in the matter.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Chair appointed as the committee Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet Friday, December 12th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, December 12th, 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation to attend the meeting of the Committee on Pollution.

Received and accepted.

Petition of Thomas Kelly, Attorney for the Sisters of Charity, requesting cancellation of taxes.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Julia Mayer for compromise of assessments.

Communication from the City Clerk in reference to the cancellation of certain tax sales.

Both the above were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the President of the Board.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—From an examination of the assessments levied upon a great portion of what is known as the "water front" of Jersey City, I have reason to believe that the same has been undervalued and have therefore to ask that proper steps be taken to present to the Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation for their review the assessments of the present year of the following described property.

Block 164 and adjoining property assessed to John Taylor Johnson.

Block 4, lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 assessed to the associates of the Jersey Company.

Block 5, lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 assessed to the associates of the Jersey Company.

Block 3, lots 14 to 21 inclusive, and piers at foot of Morris and Essex streets assessed to the American Coal Company.

Block 96, all real estate assessed to the Adirondack steel works.

Block 129, all real estate assessed to James R. Thompson.

Block 13, lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 and pier at foot of First street.

Block 12, lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, pier at foot of Bay street.

Block 11, lot 14, 15, 16 and 17.

I suggest that the Collector be directed to notify the owners of the property specified that complaint will be made to the Commissioners of appeal in accordance with the provisions of the general tax law and that that officer be further directed not to receive any payment from such owners of the tax of 1884 upon said property unless the payer is willing to accept a receipt on account of such tax as shall be fixed and assessed under a valuation to be made by the Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation. It may be that the taxes for 1884 upon some of the property mentioned have been paid. If se I would advise that the Commissioners of Appeal nevertheless take action. When the Assessor's books were presented to this Board in October the question of the right of the city to increase an assessment upon property after payment of the tax was discussed. I am not strong in a belief that such right exists, but as there has not been any adjudication upon the question the interests involved merit a trial. It was at the time proposed that the Board should hold the books, examine the assessments and return them with directions to alter valuations.

After careful consideration I am satisfied that such a course would have been illegal. If the courts shall decide that the Commissioners are without power to increase an assessment after payment we can at least fix values which will be instructive monuments to guide the Assessors in years to come. The work of fixing proper assessments upon the value of this property will involve the taking of considerable testimony and should be set down for special days upon which other appeals and complaints will not be considered. It is necessary that strict observance be made of all statutory requirements and the Collector should move with the advice and assistance of the Corporation Council. ALLAN L. MCDERMOTT.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to serve a copy of the above communication upon the City Collector with instructions to confer with the Corporation Counsel and acting with him to make such complaint to the Board of Commissioners of Appeal, as is necessary under the general tax law.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of J. B. Cleveland of $32.05 for searches in city cases.

Claim of A. B. Reynolds of $2.20 for oil, etc.

Both received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Itemized requisition from Clerk of Board of Finance and Taxation, received and referred to the Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies with power.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury December 6th to 12th, 1884, both days included at $98,-744.38.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board a schedule of difference on assessment on petition of Julius Grochell, recommending that the sum of $20.62 be returned.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Comptroller sent to the Board a statement showing the financial condition of Jersey City December 1st, 1884.

The City Comptroller sent to the Board a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the city government, exclusive of water account, for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1883, and ending November 30th, 1884.

The statements were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from his Honor, the Mayor, in reference to the appointment of official papers.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting transfer of balances of different committees to the appropriation for Out-door Poor.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

Communication from Henry Wild in reference to valuation on property owned by him and others in the Third District.

Received and referred to the City Collector, he to confer with the Corporation Counsel, and acting with him, make such complaint to the Commissioners of Appeal as is necessary under the General Tax law.

On motion the Board took a recess of ten minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the official bond of Joseph E. Tilt as Poundkeeper, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported verbally on petition of Grace C. Snelling for rebate on assessments, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports they were received and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 8th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1885 according to specifications, be and is hereby awarded to George F. Swift at the price named in his bid, viz.:

For main sewers, 4½ cents per lineal foot; for lateral sewers, 3 cents per lineal foot; for basins, $2.92 each, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 15th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $200 be paid to Louis Neidhaus for one bay horse for Water Assessor, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, December 16th, 1884, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Tuesday, December 16th, 1884, at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Resignation of William Morgan as a member of the Committee on Revision of Assessments.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from Henry Wild recommending the appointment of S. T. Carswell as a member of the Committee on Revision of Assessments.

The communication was received and ordered filed, and on motion of Mr. Hardenbergh, Mr. S. T. Carswell was appointed a member of such committee.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. T. Witter of $9 for shades for office.

Claim of the Jersey City Gas Light Company of $46.13 for gas consumed in City Hall from October 1 to December 1, 1884.

Claim of the New Jersey Freie Press of $9.25 for advertising collector's notice.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk for printing.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, December 10 to 16, both days included, at $385,872.59.

M. C. Cleveland agent for the Collection of Arrears of Personal taxes reported that he had collected the sum of $430.83.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel in reference to a communication from his Honor, the Mayor, as to the designation of official papers stating that the selection of a newspaper printed in the German language is not necessarily required. The act is general upon its face, and in the absence of evidence I cannot assume that it is special in its application.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 14, 1884.

Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—Mrs. Almena M. Culver claims that Isaac B. Culver, dec'd, paid to the Street Commissioners, of Greenville, the sum of six thousand three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and thirty-one cents in satisfaction of an assessment for the improvement of Culver avenue, on the lots referred to in her petition to your Board, and requests that City Collector be directed to made a statement of such payment upon the proper books in his office. As evidence of such payment Mrs. Culver relies upon the original receipt therefor, now before me signed by John Taylor, Treasurer, December 12, 1872. I am informed by Mrs. Culver's representative that the private books of Isaac B. Culver, deceased, show that payment was made in improvement certificates issued by the Township of Greenville, no record of such payment appears on any book in possession of the City Collector. If John Taylor at the time of the alleged payment was Treasurer of the Street Commissioners, of Greenville, and payment of said assessment was made to him either in money or matured legal evidences of indebtedness of the Township of Greenville, I can find no objection to granting the relief prayed for by Mrs. Culver. Upon a personal investigation of the papers and records of "The Township of Greenville" in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Public Works, City Collector and City Clerk, I fail to find any satisfactory evidence.

1st. That John Taylor, was Treasurer of the Greenville Commission, March 12, 1872.

2d. That payment was made as claimed in the petition.

3d. That the improvement certificates said to have been delivered to the Treasurer in satisfaction of the assessment were received by the township or its Street Commissioners for any purpose. Should Mrs. Culver be able to furnish any documentary proof of the required particulars I ask that the petition be returned to me with such references as may be furnished.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM BRINKERHOFF,
Corporation Counsel.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer of the unexpended balances remaining to the credit of the Committee on Lamps and Lights, and Hospitals and Dispensaries to the Committee on Station Houses and Prisons, all for the month of November, 1884.

The resolution was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding to William McCarthy and Edward Dougherty the contract for sweeping the streets and removing the sweepings, ashes, garbage, &c. from the streets of Jersey City, named in the specifications for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1885, at the price named in their proposal, viz., $17,771.

The resolution was received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following concurrent resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Repaving Wayne street from Monmouth to Colgate street.

2. Repaving Monticello avenue from Belmont to Fairmount avenue.

3. Repaving Communipaw from Jackson to Bergen avenue.

4. Opening of a street to be called Grover street, from the southeast side of Ocean avenue to the westerly side of Garfield avenue.

5. Awarding contract for broken stone on Ocean avenue to Andrew A. Bouker at $2.53 per cubic yard.

6. Repaving Grand street on the north side from the end of the present pavement to a point about 100 feet west of Westervelt street.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Directors of Education and Board of Aldermen, requesting transfers recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and

is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $18.40 from the account of annual report to the account of printing and blanks, fiscal year, Board of Directors of Education.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $325 from the account of elections; $600 from appropriation for ballot boxes; $25 from appropriation for numbering houses in Greenville district—all to the appropriation for the relief of out-door poor for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1884, Board of Aldermen, fiscal year 1884.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of Vreedenbergh & Garretson:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Vredenbergh & Garretson, attorneys for John A. Effray, as follows: $44 05 being paid twice in error on lot 29, block 744, No. 15 Hancock avenue; $29.52 being paid twice in error on lot 4 [5], block 861, No. 104 Zabriskie street, taxes of 1884, and that the City Collector be notified.

On petition of Harriett Pratt:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby requested to reduce the valuation on lots 3 and 4, block 89, Belvidere avenue, assessed for the year 1883, from $8,000 to $800, as per certificate of the Assessor of the Fifth District attached to the petition, the error having occurred in transferring.

On petition of Julia Mayer:

Resolved, That the City Collector be requested to receive from Julia Mayer or her representative the face value of the following assessments on lot 9, block 735, without interest:

Improvement of Franklyn street, Sherman to Central avenue, 1877	$158 98
Main sewer, Third Ward, Old Hudson City	8 00

On petition of James A. Alexander:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from James A. Alexander or his representative the face value of the following assessments, without interest:

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, lot 4, block 616, 1877	$ 7 00
Re-assessment for improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to Old Jersey City line, lot 4, block 616, 1878	6 00
Improvement of Hoboken aveuue, lot 3, block 616, 1877	7 00
Re-assessment for improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to Old Jersey City line, lot 3, block 616, 1878	6 00

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on the above described property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of these resolutions, otherwise the resolutions to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Ellen Riley:

Resolved, That the petition of Ellen Riley to have a part of an assessment compromised before being apportioned by the City Comptroller be not granted for the reason that your committee do not believe it to be for the best interest of the city to compromise with petitioner.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan :

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to cancel the sales made to the City Treasurer for taxes of 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, of lot 4, block 1,440, said lot having been erroneously assessed for said years, being part of the land now occupied by the depot of the New Jersey Central Railroad at Greenville station.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, December 17, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, December 17th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were laid over for approval.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from E. B. Haskins, stating lots 9, 10 and 11, block 720, 4th district, has not been assessed for taxes for the year 1884, although the same is liable to taxation.

The communication was received and referred to the City Collector, he to confer with the Corporation Counsel, and acting with him make such complaint to the Commissioners of Appeal as is necessary under the general tax law.

Communication from Messrs. McCarthy and Dougherty requesting permission to withdraw the proposal filed by them for cleaning the streets of Jersey City.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of John D. Carscallen for compromise of assessments.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Collector.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on statements of the City Comptroller showing the financial condition of Jersey City and receipts and disbursements of the city government (exclusive of water account), on December 1st, 1884.

On motion the above reports were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies to have twenty-five hundred copies printed.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer as follows: $5.91 to American District Telegraph Company for messenger service for the month of November, 1884; $2.20 to A. B. Reynolds for matches, oil, &c.; $32.05 to J. B. Cleveland for searchers.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report the resolution was adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred December 16th, 1884, the resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding the contract to William McCarthy and Edward Dougherty for cleaning the "streets of Jersey City," arose and presented the following report to the Board:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 15th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for sweeping and removing the sweepings, ashes and garbage from all the streets in Jersey City named in the specifications for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1885, be and is hereby awarded to William McCarthy and Edward Dougherty at the price named in their proposal, viz., seventeen thousand seven hundred and seventy-one dollars ($17,771), that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the proper contract and file the same with the Clerk of the Board of Public Works within five days from the date of the concurrence in said award by the Board of Finance and Taxation, and approval by the Mayor, be and is hereby nonconcurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on Friday, December 19th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, December 19th, 1884, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Charles Freeman of $50 for services rendered the Committee on Revision.

Claim of the Automatic Bank Punch Company of $36, for one Bank Punch for City Clerk's office.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $21.74 from the account of claims to the account of salaries Board of Fire Commissioners fiscal year 1883-84.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding the contract for cleaning the streets of Jersey City for one year, beginning December 1st, 1884, and ending November 30th, 1885, to George F. Swift at the price named in his proposal, viz., $23,900.

The resolution was received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following concurrent resolution was received from the Board of Public Works and referred te the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Authorizing the laying of water pipe in Danforth, Garfield, Winfield and Pearsall avenues.

On motion the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petitions for difference between old and new assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of Grace C. Snelling:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Grace C. Snelling for the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and one cent, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of North First street (now Ninth), from Grove to Monmouth streets, on lot 20, block 285; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 358; lots, 6, 6, 6, block 285; lot 5, block 322; lot 2, 1, 1, block 358, warrant to be used to pay taxes, assessments or water rents.

On petition of Grace C. Snelling:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Grace C. Snelling for the sum of eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars and five cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Jersey avenue, from Ninth to Fifteenth street, on lot 20, block 285, lot 5, block 329, lots 29, 30 31 and 32, block 327, warrant to be used to pay taxes, assessments or water rents.

On petition of Rudolph Greschele:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Rudolph Greschele for the sum of twenty dollars and two cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for sewer in south street on lots 488 and 487, block 815, warrant to pay taxes, assessments or water rents.

On petition of Abraham A. Vreeland:

Resolved, That a warrant be orderdrawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Abraham A. Vreeland for the sum of one hundred and twenty-two 46 100, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Bergen avenue from Union street to the southerly line of the city on lot 225, block 723, 705, warrant to pay taxes, assessments or water rents.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer. recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $21.74 from the account of claims to the account of salaries Board of Fire Commissioners fiscal year 1884-'85.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott; Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Ressolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 15th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for repaving Grand street on the north side from the end of the present pavement to a point about 100 feet west of Westervelt street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, December 8, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering about 1,000 lengths of six-inch cast iron water pipe, 60 lengths of ten-inch cast iron water pipe, 150 lengths of twelve-inch cast iron water pipe, according to specifications on file in the office of the Chief Engineer, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finanee and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 15th, 1884, to wit.:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for repaving Wayne street, from Monmouth street to Colgate street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 14, 1884, awarding contract for the Improvement of Linden avenue, from Bergen avenue (New Bergen Road) to the Central Railroad of New Jersey, to Michael Shannon, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of John D. Carscallen for compromise of assessments recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from John D. Carscallen or his representative the face value of the following assessments, without interest, to wit:

Sewer in Walnut street from Morris Canal to Pine street, lot 6, block 447, 1874, $6.12

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning the streets of Jersey City, arose and made the following report to the Board:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, December 19, 1884, to-wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for sweeping the streets and removing the sweepings, ashes and garbage from all the streets in Jersey City named in the specifications for the fiscal year, ending November 30, 1885, be and is hereby awarded to George F. Swift at the price named in his bid, viz.: Twenty-three thousand nine hundred dollars ($23,900), and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, and file the same with the Clerk of the Board of Public Works, within five days from the date of concurrence in said award by the Board of Finance, and approval of the Mayor, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Herdenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Tuesday, December 23d, 1884, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall. Tuesday, December 23d, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were laid over for approval.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Committee on Revision of Assessments in reference to the valuation of certain property located in the Third District.

Received and laid on the table.

Petition of Revine Kugfer for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of John Whitmore for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Both of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Company of $12.25 for ice furnished City Hall from November 23 to December 23, 1884.

Receivsd and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Marshal.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from December 17th to 23rd, 1884, both days included, to be $183,635.99.

Received and ordered filed.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer as follows:

$50 to Charles Freeman for extra clerical work to Committee on Revision of Assessments; $9.25 to Edmund J. Koch for printing Collector's notice; $9 to A. T. Witter for shades for office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of January, 1885, interest account:

On General Account	$24,055 00
On General Account	24,000 00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	31,180 00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	30,000 00
On Water Account	30,000 00
On Water Account	27,315 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet January 5th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, December 29th, 1884, at 5 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent — President McDermott and Mr. Jordan.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected President pro tempore.

The Clerk having read the call for the meeting, the Board then proceeded to transact regular business.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, December 23d to 29th, 1884, both days included, at $98,-032.27.

Received and ordered filed.

The following pay roll resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions :

1. Four pay-rolls of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of December, 1884.

2. Pay-roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of December, 1884.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of December, 1884, amounting to $223.66, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the payroll resolution as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of December, 1884, amounting to $646.68, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the payroll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 29, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for month of December, 1884, amounting to $533 34, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the payroll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 29, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of December, 1884, amounting to $344 50, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 29, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of December, 1884, amounting to $2,531.42, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 22, 1884, to wit;

Resolved, That $8 be paid to the Jersey City Herald, $206.15 to Myles Tierney, $8.78 to J. C. Gas Light Co., $7.60 to John Daly, $14.67 to P. E. Martin, $1.80 to J. C. Herald, $7.80 to The Argus, $28.20 to John A. Vill, $24.70 to John W. Harrison, $75 to P. L. Rehill, $30.97 to C. A. Woolsey, $10.82 to Wood & Menagh, $16.11 to Vanderbeek & Sons, $286.50 to W. W. Farrier; $146.25 to Charles H. Scott; $88.75 to E. W. Keeney; $18.99 to F. A. Smith; $54.78 to Weston & Fiske; $55 to N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co.; $313.56 to John Carey; $292.94 to Wood & Menagh; $374.79 to Fox & Drummond; $31.50 to People's Gas Light Co.; $4 to J. C. Herald; $24 to John B. Kelleher; $37.50; $41.45, $6 75 to William D. Connell; $41.40 to John A. Vill; $13, $52.50 to Albert Datz; $6 to William Gaston; $15.50 to R. H. McFarland; $8 to Willliam Gaston; $259.25, $87.25, $78 and $53 30 to Jordan Stationery Company; $3.06 to E. Losey, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of December, 1884, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries for the month of December, 1884, when due, viz :

Gilbert Collins, Mayor, $166.66; Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; John F. Kelly, City Comptroller, $200; James H. Love, City Collector, $200; William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel, $333.33; Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, $150; George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation, $100; Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer, $100; George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller, $100; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, $100; Clerks to Collector, S. D. Dickinson, $83.33; John T. M. Kaylar, $70; Lewis E. Smith, $70; Charles Krebs, $70; Charles Freeman, $70; William H. Tuttle, $70; James E Connolly, $70; Patrick O'Neill, messenger, $60; Charles S. Westervelt, clerk to Comptroller, $70; Menzies C. Cleveland, Collector of Arrears, $75; William H. Powell, Marshal 2d District Court, $50. Clerks to City Clerk—Thomas K. Halstead, $75; N. E. Feury, $75; R. L. Hudson, $66.66; Jarvis P. Wanser, $66.66. Assessors—James F. Gannon, 1st District, $125; Dennis McLaughlin, 2d District, $125; Hugh Dugan, 3d District, $125; Stephen P. Yoe, 4th District, $125; James T. Lillis, 5th District, $125; James C. Clarke, 6th District, $125. Printing Minutes—The Argus, $208.33; The Evening Journal, $208.33. Cleaning rooms in City Hall—Bridget Parker, $30; Elizabeth Lynch, $30. Extra clerks in bill room—William H. Dalton, $70; William H. O'Brien, $70; Stephen Quaife, $70; Harry F. Halsey, $70; Mathew Towey, $70; James Scanlon, $70.

The same committee reported the pay-roll for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending December 31st, 1884, when due, viz:

Allan L. McDermott	$125 00
A. A. Hardenbergh	125 00
Emil E. Datz	125 00
Otto Heppenheimer	125 00
Thomas D. Jordan	125 00

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the

Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of the Automatic Bank Punch Company, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $36 be paid to the Automatic Bank Punch Company for one Bank Punch furnished City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Jordan.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, January 5th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, January 5th, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned and special meetings were dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the American Water and Gas Pipe Company in reference to the purchase by the city of the main water pipe laid to supply Bayonne with water.

Received and referred to the President of the Board.

Petitions were received from Hill & Klaproch and Teresa Hill for difference in assessments.

Both received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Myles Tierney for the return of money due on retained per centage on contract for repairing Grand street.

Petition of John Fitzpatrick for the return of money due on retained per centage for contract for repairing Washington street.

Both the above were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Peter Henderson suggesting a plan for the collection of arrears of taxes.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Isaac I. Vanderbeek to have tax sales cancelled.

Petition of John Dillon to have taxes corrected.

Petition of John Shields for an adjustment of taxes.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Charles Stoveken, Jr., Myles Tierney, David D. Cawley, William G. Bumstead, Mary S. Brown, Ann Johnson, John Chilver, Francis Speir, S. McAdams and J. H. Farrant.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Charles H. Scott, of $6.18, for carpenter work in City Hall.

Claim of Albert Datz, of $22, for printing blank resolutions.

Claim of W. G. Crempien, of $167, for supplies for City Marshal.

Claim of Benjamin Neid of $14 for wood.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $24 for advertising.

Claim of Robert Porsche of $33.25 for advertising.

Claim of George F. McAneny of $68.70 for expenses and disbursements as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation from June 1st to December 1st, 1884.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee and Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the receipts to be $613.63.

The City Comptroller reported the receipts of the City Treasury December 30, 1884, to January 5, 1885, both days included, at $81,404.80.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $425 from the account of claims each month to the account of salaries each month fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $115 07 from the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers to the account of Engineering Bureau 1884 and 1885, for the purpose of paying salaries.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of balances remaining to the credit of the different appropriations from one month to another.

Each of the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Clrims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of December, 1884.

2. Poy roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of December, 1884.

3. Improvement of Hutton street from Palisade to Central avenue.

4. Ordering paid claim of S. B. Dougherty of $125, for services as Inspector of repairs to Cornish Engine at Belleville, for the month of December, 1884.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of twenty minutes.

On reassembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Boards of Fire and Police Commissioners requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer from the account of claims to the account of salaries the sum of $425 for each month fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the balances in the hands of the City Treasurer to the credit of the Committee on Lamps and Lights and Hospitals and Dispensaries for the month of November, 1884, to the credit of the Committee on Station Houses and Prisons for the same month.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 5th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars be paid to S. B. Dougherty for services as inspector of repairs to Cornish engine at Belleville for month of December, 1884, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 29, 1884, awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for the improvement of Hutton street from Palisade to Central avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Sept. 1st, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $334.74 be paid to the Lehigh

Valley Railroad Company, being one-third of the cost of building wall near Morris Canal lock on Washington street. Charge to reconstruction account. Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works October 20, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That the following sums be paid H. F. Randolph for coal delivered at Belleville in the month of May, 1883, upon the order of W. W. C. Sites, Chief Engineer, and certified to as correct by him: $383.67 for coal delivered at Belleville, order dated April 14, 1883; $419.44 for coal delivered at Belleville, order dated April 14, 1883; $399.13 for coal delivered at Belleville, order dated April 14, 1883, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the petitions of Myles Tierney, David D. Cawley, William G. Bumstead, Mary S. Brown, Ann Johnson, J. Chilver, Francis Spier, S. McAdams and J. H. Farrant, for compromise of assessments, be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer as follows: $24 to the J. C. Herald for advertising, $12.25 to the Chelsea Ice Co. for ice, $22 to Albert Datz for stationery, $167 to W. G. Crempien for supplies, $33.25 to Robert Parsche for printing, $14 to Benjamin Nied for wood, $68.70 to George F. McAneny for disbursements.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of three thousand dollars to transfer that amount from General Account to Special Bond Account No. 2, to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of R. O. Babtatt, attorney, for the sum of ninety-three 80-100 dollars, in full payment of judgment obtained against the city, said amount being for correction of error in computing of interest in final adjudication of said claim.

By Mr. Harderbergh :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Hudson County National Bank to return tax paid on bank stock owned by Walter Burrows, said Burrows being a resident of this State and not a non-resident as reported to the Assessor. Provided however that said bank shall file with the Collector of Jersey City a certificate from the Collector of Elizabeth, where said Burrows claims to reside, that the tax has been paid to him upon said stock.

By Mr. Heppenheimer:

Resolved, That Ellen Bowe be and is hereby appointed a janitrix in the City Hall, appointment to date from December 17th, 1884, at a monthly salary of $30.

By Mr. Heppenheimer:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Ellen Bowe for the sum of $15, being for services as janitrix in City Hall from December 17th, 1884, to January 1st, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourn it will adjourn to meet Thursday, January 8th, 1885. at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourn.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall. Thursday, January 8th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of F. H. Spengeman requesting cancellation of tax sales.

Petition of Hallgarten & Co. to have taxes of 1881 corrected.

Petitions of John Gernant, S. G. Hulbert, and Emmons & Co. for compromise of assessments.

All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from President McDermott: To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of the petition of William W. Winans for payment of a judgment recovered by him in the United States Circuit Court, I recommend the payment of said judgment. This suit was brought to recover on bonds illegally taken by Alexander D. Hamilton, formerly Treasurer of Jersey City. The case was contested several years, and Mr. Winans established beyond a doubt that he purchased the bonds in good faith for full value, and before the maturity of any coupons. In my opinion, which I have submitted to his honor the Mayor, and in which after a thorough examination of the case, he agrees it would be an unjustifiable expenditure to further contest this claim. I would recommend in order that these coupons be paid out of proper accounts that the Treasurer be directed to pay coupons on bonds Nos. 141 to 149 inclusive, and No. 421 on presentation, and that the plaintiff present a separate claim for the interest and costs included in his judgment, to which effect a resolution is herewith submitted. Respectfully,

ALLAN L. MCDERMOTT.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Thomas Earle of $9.20 for incidental expenses.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

GENTLEMEN—Assuming the statements made by Myles Tierney and John Fitzpatrick to be true, as set forth in their respective applications. I am of the opinion that their claims may be paid under the provisions of "an act to provide for the payment of indebtedness incurred in excess of appropriation made to any City Board having control of the improvement and reconstruction of streets and sewers," approved April 8th, 1884, provided that said indebtedness was incurred under written contracts legally entered into with the city or its proper municipal department, and the work has been done and materials furnished as required by said contracts, and provided further that there is under your control a proper fund from which to make payments.

WILLIAM BRINKERHOFF,
Corporation Counsel.

Jersey City, January 8th, 1885.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The Corporation Counsel reported on petitions of Teresa Hill for rebate on assessments, stating that the statute of limitations of action will apply to both petitions. Received and ordered filed.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Comptroller, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Marshal, all of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The following concurrent resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Building abutments for bridge over Morris Canal, at Avenue C.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, December 15, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the petition in writing of Geo. R. Vreeland, presented to the Board on the 8th day of December, 1884, for the opening of a street to be called Grover street, from the southeast side of Ocean avenue to the westerly side of Garfield avenue (as shown on the map accompanying said petition), be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board which hereby declares that it favors said petition, and the same is hereby referred to the Commissioners of Assessment and the Chief Engineer, he being a discreet surveyor not interested in said improvement, to be proceeded with according to law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 1, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $218 be paid F. O. Mathiesson & Wicher's Sugar Refining Co., being return of money paid for two 3-inch Worthington meters, April 15, 1882, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 5, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of December, 1884, amounting to $1,177.32, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 5, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of December, 1884, amounting to $55, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 29, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $85.50 be paid to Chapman O'Neil Manufacturing Co.; $480 and $65.35 to Dennis Byrnes; $278.55 to E. W. Keeney; $53.41 to Wm. D. Connell; $22 to Joseph Seals; $12.38 and $9 to J. C. Gas Light Co.. $15.75 to Wm. N. Hogan; $20.55 to Philip E. Martin: $11.20 to E. Losey; $60.04 and $36.60 to L. Buckley; $34.55 to P. E. Martin, be and is

hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petion of S. G. Hulbert:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to receive from S. G. Hulbert or his representative, the face value of the following assessments:

Regulating and grading South street, lot 29, block 775, 1874.....	$240 25
Sewer in South street, lot 29, block 775, 1878.....	245 00
Extension of Warren street, lot 29, block 775, 1871.....	3 43
Grading and flagging Washington avenue, lot 58, block 49, 1870.....	90 50

On petition of Emmons & Co.:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to receive from Emmons & Co. or their representatives, the face value of the following assessessments on lots 12, 13 and 15, block 286, without interest, to wit:

Improvement Fairmount avenue, Grand to Summit, 1878..	$14 50
Improvement Palisade, now Summit, Grand to Crawford, 1878.....	22 50

On petition of John Gremant:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to receive from John Gernant or his representative the face value of the following assessment on lot Assessors No. 7, block 502, without interest, to wit:

Improvement of Communipaw avenue, Grand street to Bergen Point Plank Road, 1878.....	$111 00

On petition of Charles Stoveken:

Resolved, That the petition of Charles Stoveken for compromise of assessments be not granted, for the reason that your committee do not believe it to be for the best interests of the city to compromise assessments confirmed after January 1st, 1879.

On petition of John Dillon, Sr.:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John Dillon Sr., for the sum of $36.08 to return amount overpaid on lot 45, block 527, Sixth District for the year 1883 as per certificate of the Assessor attached to the petition, the above described property was assessed for a house at a valuation of $1,500, whereas it should have been assessed as a vacant lot.

On petition of Isaac I. Vanderbeek:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to cancel of record on the books in his office, the following sales made to the City Treasurer for unpaid taxes, to wit:

Sales made March 13, 1872, for taxes of 1870 of lots No. 3 to 13 Montgomery street, assessed to L. H. Robbins, amounting to $51.33.

Sale made August 25, 1879, for taxes of 1873 of lot 8, block No. 213 York street, assessed to H. Lewis Robbins, amounting to $8.89.

Sale made August 25, 1879, for taxes of 1873, on lot 22, block 213, Montgomery street, assessed to C. H. Dewinnelle, amounting to $8.96.

As per certificate of the City Clerk, attached to the petition, the above are duplicate assessments, the same having been paid to the City Collector.

On petition of Mrs. Rose Kupfer:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Rose Kupfer for the sum of $23.01, being amount paid in error on lot 28, block 924, Fourth street, on taxes for the year 1884, the said property being owned and the taxes paid by Mrs. Schmidt, and that the City Collector be notified.

On petition of John Shields:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to cancel the sale made to the City Treasurer August 25th, 1879, taxes of 1874 of lot 89, block 130, Essex street, said lot having been twice assessed in error, as per certificate of the City Clerk attached to the petition.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of three hundred and fifty ($350) dollars, to transfer that amount from general account, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for January, 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $506.20 from the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers to the account of cleaning streets fiscal year 1884 and 1885, Board of Public Works.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for further compromise of assesments be and is hereby extended to February 1st, under the same rules and regulations as hitherto adopted by this Board.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars on account of county tax for the year 1884.

By Mr. Heppenheimer:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of of the extra clerks in bill room for one day's service each in month of October, 1884, viz.: William H. Dalton, $2.34; William H. O'Brien, $2.34; Harry F. Halsey, $2.34, and Matthew Towey, $2.34.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That bonds Nos. 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149 and 421, being the bonds now held by Wm. W. Winans, and upon which judgment has lately been recovered in the United States Circuit Court, be and they are hereby reinstated upon the list of bonds upon which the coupons are payable upon maturity and presentation.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William W. Winans for the sum of six thousand six hundred and fifty dollars ($6,650), said warrant to be charged against contingent fund, 1883, 1884, and to be delivered to said William W. Winans on surrender by him of matured coupons on bonds Nos. 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149 and 421, amounting to said sum of six thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, and upon delivery of a satisfaction of judgment as provided in another resolution of this date.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of William W. Winans for the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty-four dollars

wenty-eight cents, said warrant to be
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above resolutions they were adopted by
lowing vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Datz, and carried:

Moved that when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, January 12th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, January 12th, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Happenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott.

On motion, Mr. Datz was elected President pro tem.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Thomas Earle of $3.60 for incidental expenses.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, January 6th to 12th, 1885, both days included, at $175,758.37.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions requesting transfer were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims:

1. Requesting transfer of $1,500 from the account of cleaning streets fiscal year 1884–85, to the account of salaries, said amount to pay salary of the Street Commissioner.

2. Requesting transfer of $900 from the account of cleaning sewers fiscal year 1884–85, to the account of salaries, said amount to pay salary of the Sewer Inspector.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding to Warren Foundry and Machine Company contract for furnishing water pipe.

2. Awarding to Michael Mullery contract for laying water pipe in Garfield, Danforth and Winfield avenues.

3. Authorizing Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for building a box sewer in Montgomery street from the bridge over Cornelison avenue to Oyster Creek a distance of about 850 feet.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Heppenheimer and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Saturday, January 17, 1885, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 15th, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The Clerk having read the call which was signed by the President. The Board proceeded to the transaction of regular business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Adolph Luck to be allowed to pay taxes without interest.

Petition of Helen Carra for compromise of assessments.

Both of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jersey City Gas Light Company of $41.18 for gas consumed in City Hall, December 1st to January 1st, 1885.

Claim of Deutz Brothers of $32 for printing.

Claim of Albert Datz of $138 for warrant books for City Clerk.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Supplying Passaic water to the Township of Harrison.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on Concurrent Resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works:

Resolved, That $289, $272.85, $305.79, $319.39, $299.84, $313.01, $291.12, $301.54, $313 65, $306, $306, $307.06, $304.94, $305.15, $305.57, $308.76, $316.20, $298.56, $304.51, $293.25, $311.31, be paid to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company for coal, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Nov. 18th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $307.27, $299.84 and $302.39, be paid to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company for coal, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously:

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assesements reported on petition of Helen Carra for compromise of assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from Helen Carra or her representative the face value of the following assessments without interest on lots 80-74, block 564, without interest.

Improvement of Hoboken avenue, 1877..$32 50

Improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to old J. C. line, 1878..... 6 10

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously:

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, By reason of the action of the Board of Aldermen in its appointment to office of members of this Board pending the decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals, doubt may exist touching the action of this Board in its public duties; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Finance, as at present composed, do consider their tenure of office as legal and secure until the Court of Errors and Appeals shall otherwise decide, and that they will remit no effort in the future, as in the past, to conserve the public credit without regard to party or to partisan influences of whatever nature.

Resolved, That as the City Treasurer, City Comptroller, City Collector, and the clerks of this Board have faithfully and honorably discharged their respective duties, we deprecate any change in their several positions.

Resolved, That in the appointment of Assessors no changes can properly be made until the final decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of six hundred and fifty ($650) dollars from the judgment account to contingent account fiscal year, 1883 '84, Board of Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That James H. Love be and he is hereby appointed City Collector of Jersey City, at a salary at the rate of $2,400 per annum for the ensuing term The term of office of the said James H. Love to commence at the expiration of the term of the present City Collector.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the official bond of James H. Love, as City Collector, of Jersey City, be and the same is hereby fixed at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.)

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, January 26th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from William B. Van Vorst, Emmons & Co., Abram Speer, Garret Van Horne, N. E. Feury, George Kirkland, J. R. Reinhardt.

Petition of F. H. Spengeman for correction of taxes.

Petition of Jane Evans for cancellation of sale for water rents.

Petition of Patrick Shea for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Samuel Lockwood of $25 for painting, graining and varnishing benches in Aldermanic Chamber.

Claim of William Braband of $39.83 for carpet and oil cloth for office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $140 for printing and binding Comptroller's reports.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $16.82 for messenger service for December, 1884.

Claim of J. A. O'Neill of $8 for retouching steel plate on Bonds.

Claim of John A. Nugent of $43.50 for transcripts of testimony of witnesses before Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation, January 20th, 1885.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Official bond of James B. Niblett as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000, with Henry E. Niblett and Matthias P. Fleming as sureties.

Official bond of Henry Knopp as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000, with Domnick Rehbuger and Rudolph Schmidhauser as sureties.

Official bond of Samuel J. Blakey as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000, with Abram Post, Jr., and George Blakey as sureties.

Official bond of Christian A. Holderer as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000, with Gottlieb Miller and Elizabeth Holderer as sureties.

Official bond of John Howe as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000, with Richard Driscoll and Lewis Evans as sureties.

Official bond of Charles H. Sedore as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000, with John Heye and Thomas D. Mills as sureties.

All of the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Requisition from the Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation for a safe.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the receipts of the City Treasury from January 19th to 24th, 1885, both days included, to be $30,486.86.

The report was received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received in his office for collection the following assessment map:

Opening of Winfield avenue from Ocean to Garfield avenue amounting to..... $1,421 00

The communication was received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Public Works requesting the Board to attend a conference with the council of the Township of Harrison in the matter of supplying said township with water, conference to be held Friday, January 30th, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the office of the Board of Public Works.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of the purchase of the water pipe heretofore laid by the American Water and Gas Pipe Company for the supply of water to the city of Bayonne a review of the circumstances which led to the awarding of the contract for the laying of that pipe is necessary to a clear understanding of the relative positions of Jersey City and the Company. During the year 1881 it was considered desirable on the part of the municipal authorities of Jersey City to sell water to the city of Bayonne, and on the part of that city to purchase from us. On the 25th of July, that year, a contract was entered into between the two cities. Under that contract Jersey City agrees to furnish a good and sufficient supply of water to be delivered at the boundary line of the two cities and measured by metres furnished by Bayonne. Bayonne continues to be supplied at the following rates, "seventy-five cents per thousand cubic feet, provided they take two million five hundred thousand cubic feet per month, and if they take less than that amount then they are to pay at the same rates as are now paid in Jersey City for less than that amount, it being expressly agreed that if any reduction shall be made in Jersey City rates by the Board of Public Works for metered water, the city of Bayonne shall have the same benefit and advantage of such rates as Jersey City." This contract is for a term of three years from the date when water was first delivered to Bayonne. On the 26th day of October, 1881, a contract was entered into between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and the American Water and Gas Pipe Company, whereby the latter agreed to furnish, deliver and lay "about twenty thousand feet of 20-inch water pipe, with all necessary gates, connections, branches, &c., required for the purpose of conveying water from the Jersey City Water Works to the Bayonne City line." The Company has performed its part of the contract, the pipe being laid along Summit avenue from Sipp avenue to Church street, thence to Bergen avenue, thence to old Bergen road, thence to Thompson avenue and thence through avenue D to the line of the City of Bayonne. The cost of the work was $132,049.73. The method of payment provided in the contract is peculiar, it being stipulated that the said contractor shall receive from time to time as the same may be received by the City of Jersey City until the work is paid for in full such moneys as shall accrue to Jersey

City from the water revenue of the City of Bayonne. * * * All moneys received by Jersey City as water revenues from the city of Bayonne, for the use of the water in said city of Bayonne, shall be paid to the City Treasurer of Jersey City, and be received by him in trust only, and shall be immediately transferred to the order and for the benefit of the contractor for this work until the total amount due the said contractor shall have been fully paid by him. Under this contract the following sums have been received from Bayonne and paid to the contractor:

Quarter ending February 1st, 1883...	$3,499 13
Quarter ending May 1st, 1883.....	3,984 60
Quarter ending August 1st, 1883.....	3.727 00
Quarter ending November 1st, 1883..	4,394 24
Quarter ending February 1st, 1884...	4,843 28
Quarter ending May 1st, 1884	4,776 48
Quarter ending August 1st, 1884.....	5,641 96
Quarter ending November 1st, 1884..	6,196 00
Total.	$37,162 69

Estimating the revenue from Bayonne for the quarter ending February 1st, 1885, to be equal to that of the preceding period ($6,196), there will be due to the contractor on that date the sum of $88,791.04. The company now proposes to settle its claims against the revenues derived from Bayonne on payment of $88,000. In support of this proposal it is urged that the section of Jersey City through which this pipe is laid, including the former township of Greenville, is not and cannot be afforded a sufficient supply of water through other pipes now used; that the city is without power to tap the pipe laid by the company, and that a proper regard for the health and safety of the section mentioned demands an additional supply. After careful examination, I am convinced that this necessity exists, and that within a year or two, unless contribution is levied upon the pipe laid by the Company, another pipe will have to be laid at an expense to the city of many thousand dollars. Under the agreement above mentioned, the city cannot, except for the purpose of supplying Bayonne, use the Company's pipe, unless the offer made, or one of similar purport, is accepted. Just when this shall be done I am not called upon to recommend, because I find that it will be necessary as a preliminary step to secure a legislative enactment empowering the city to make the purchase. I am informed by the treasurer of the Company that they would be willing to relinquish their claim upon this pipe on delivery to them of five per cent. bonds at par value, the redemption of the bonds to be scaled so that one-fifth of the same shall fall due each year for five years. I therefore recommend that the Corporation Counsel be requested to prepare and present to the Legislature an act which will enable the city to secure this pipe by payment in bonds to be issued in accordance with the following scheme:

First—The amount to be limited to the sum due to the Company at the time their claim is surrendered.

Second—The moneys received from Bayonne to be applied exclusively to the payment of said bonds.

Third—The issue to consist of five bonds, to fall due in one, two, three, four and five years respectively.

If the city shall secure this power, and determine to use it, the following matters should, when the time of purchase arrives, be considered:

First. The contract now existing with Bayonne expires on the first day of November, 1885. There should not be any issue of bonds until this contract is extended four years

Second. The price named in the contract between the city and the company appears by the specifications to have included interest on the company's outlay to the estimated date when full payment would be made by the application of the revenues from Bayonne.

Third. The contract requires the company to keep the pipe in repair until paid for, proper allowance should be made to the city for the last two items whenever it is determined to purchase.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLAN L. McDERMOTT.

The communication was received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works rescinding so much of the resolution adopted November 18, 1884, ordering paid the claims of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works rescinding so much of the resolution adopted October 6, 1884, ordering paid claims of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

Both the above resolutions were received and filed.

Two resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works requesting transfers both of which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Awarding contract to Myles Tierney for paving Wayne street from Monmouth to Colgate street.

2. Awarding contract to Myles Tierney for paving Grand street from Oswego to Westervelt street.

3. Two pay rolls of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments.

4. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting transfers recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the unexpended balances remaining to the credit of the several appropriations of the Board of Public Works each month to the month ensuing, fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $115 from the account of Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to the account of Engineering Bureau, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1884 and 1885, for the purpose of paying salaries.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,500 from the account of Cleaning Streets, fiscal year 1884 and 1885, to the account of Salaries for the purpose of paying salary of Street Commissioner, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1884 and 1885, said amount to be expended in monthly payments of $125.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $900 from the account of cleaning sewers fiscal year 1884 and '85 to the account of salaries, for the purpose of paying the salary of the Sewer In-

spector Board of Public Works fiscal year 1884-'85, said amount to be expended in monthly payments of $75.

The same committee on communications from Myles Tierney and John Fitzpatrick for payment of monies due on contracts reported as follows:

That said monies for said payment having been expended by the Board of Public Works the Committee can find no relief for said petitioners until your Board meet to complete to tax levy in July of the present year.

The same Committee reported the official bonds of James B. Niblett, Henry Knoop, Samuel J. Blakey, John Howe and Charles H. Sedore as Inspectors of Scales, Weights and Measures, recommending that they be spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the payment of the following claims:

$8 to J. A. O'Neill for retouching bond plate; $16.82 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service from December 1st to January 1st, 1885; $12.80 to Thomas Earle for incidental expenses; $25 to Samuel Lockwood for painting, graining and varnishing benches in Aldermanic chamber; $32 to Dentz Brothers for printing; $39.83 to William Braband for carpet; $138 to Albert Datz for warrant books; $6.18 to Charles H. Scott for carpenter work; $43.50 to John A. Nugent for taking testimony of witnesses before Commissioners of Appeal.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of February, 1885, interest account:

On general account	$20,590 00
On general account	20,000 00
On water account	6,500 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of $20,000 on account of county tax for 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the annual tax for the years 1881, 1882, 1883 and 1884 upon lot 10 (street number 236), block 285 be cancelled, and the City Collector be requested to make proper note of such cancellation upon the records of his office.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for the further compromise of assessments be extended to March 1st, 1885, under the same rules and regulations as heretofore adopted by this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Friday, January 30th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, January 30, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Hardenbergh.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

In the absence of the Clerk John T. M. Kaylar was elected clerk pro tem.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Mary E. Ryle to be allowed to pay taxes and assessments without interest.

Petition of Sarah Gould for return of money paid in error on an assessment.

Petitions of E. C. Clarke and Thomas Darlington for compromise of assessments.

Petition of Thomas Darlington for cancellation of poll tax.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee oa Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $92 for advertising,

Claim of Hoss & Schultz of $160.05 for carpet, chairs, &c., for City Collector's office.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $77 for advertising.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of James H. Love as City Collector, in the sum of $150.000, with David Taylor, T. C. Brown, George H. Farrier, William W. Farrier, Andrew McKnight and Horace H. Farrier as sureties.

Official bond of Charles Stuhr, as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Stuhr and Leopold Shubnell as sureties.

Both the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he had received in his office for collection the following assessment map:

Improvement of the south half of Grand street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue, amounting to..$3,448.50

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, January 24th to 30th, 1885, both days included, at $31,-277.28.

Both the above were received and ordered filed.

On motion, the Board took a recess of ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally on the official bond of James H. Love, as City Collector, in the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, recommending that the same be spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report the recommendation was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, January 12, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $16.90 be paid to Evening Journal Association; $21 to the Argus; $4 80 to the New Jersey Freie Presse; $6 to the Jersey City Herald. $6.55 to the Evening Journal; $7.80 to the Argus: $1.80 to Jersey City Herald; $2.65 to Freie Presse; $17 50, $35, $25 and $7.80 to Evening Journal; $79.76 to George C. Doyle; $19.52 to W. W. Ruggles; $20.84 to George Duncan; $58.10 to Thomas H. Wheelan; $307.02 to E W. Keeney; $43.61 to Wood & Menagh; $162.84 to Davenport, Treacy & Co.; $8 to Andrew McAra; $78.94 to Dugan & Fitzsimons; $7.80 to Evening Journal Association; $82.13 to Philip E, Martin; $16.70 to Charles Steck & Son; $55 to Charles B. Brush; $16 to Jacob Soney; $10.20 to E. Losey; $2.10 to B. F. Corduan; $46 to J. C. Argus, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 19th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $6.25 be paid to Patrick Sherry; $5.25 to Northup & Company; $79.29, and $69.84 to F. A. Smith; $25 32 to C. A. Woolsey; $2.10 to James F. Blackshaw; $33.25 to Albert Datz; $77.75 to H. R. Worthington; $30 to Albert Datz; $67.75 to R. H. McFarland, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 6th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $33, $20 and $20 be paid to the Argus; $6.25, $8 and $2.40 to the N. J. Freie Presse; $103.25 to Warner & Carscallen; $4.50 to the N. J. Car Spring and Rubber Co.; $45 to Charles H. Scott; $376.90 to Paterson Iron Co.; $6.50 to R. A. Randall; $120.79 to Weston & Fiske; $18 20 to John Kelly; $26 47 to Wm. D. Connell; $53.13 to Dugan & Fitzsimons; $2.20 to Patrick Maloney; $60 to Nicholas Ott; $22.98 to D. E Culver; $2.65 to N. J. Freie Presse; $373 89 to Fox & Drummond; $35.50 to Hector McMullen; $8 to Lynch & Murphy, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 26, 1885, to wit:

Resoved, That $347.80 be paid to Dennis Byrnes, $165 to John Cogan, $32.30 to Vanderbeek & Son, $5.40 to J. C. Gas Light Co., $104 25 to Vanderbeek & Son, $75 to West Point Foundry Association, $32.25 to Thomas Eagan, $360.92 to Fox & Drummond, $35 to Albert Datz, $45 to Bartley Conlan, $24 15 to M. Farley, $59 11 to Vanderbeek & Son, $41.78 to Davenport, Treacy & Co., $37 to N. J. Car Spring and Rubber Co., $5.25 to N. J. Car Spring and Rubber Co., $5.25 to B. F. Corduan, $10 to D. Steele, $7.80 to Charles Conway, $24.73 to Charles H. Scott, $18.70 to Phillip E. Martin, $11 to E Losey, $7.43 to J. C. Gas Light Co., $55 to Albert Datz, $15 to Phillip Muldoon, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 1, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That $100 be paid to John W. Ellison, for one months service as Water Purveyor, ending November 30, 1884, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 12, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for laying about 3,850 lineal feet of 6-inch water pipe in Danforth avenue, Winfield avenue, Garfield avenue and Pearsall avenue be and the same is hereby awarded to Michael Mullery, at the price named in bill, viz.: 19½ cents per lineal foot of pipe and one cent per cubic yard for rock excavation, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 5, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxatian the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for building abutment for bridge over Morris Canal at Avenue C, according to plans and specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 26, 1885, as presented by Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $570.01, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 26, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $828.33, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Hardenbergh.

Tae Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of N. E. Feury, Abram Speer, Garrett Van Horne, Emmons & Company, for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

On petition of Hallgarten & Company:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested to reduce the valuation of Lot 11, block 626, Forrest street, Sixth District, for the year 1881, from $4,000 to $1,590. The property having been assessed for the said year for a house, whereas by the certificate of the assessor attached to the petition it should have been assessed as a vacant lot at a valuation of $1,500.

On petition of Thomas Darlington:

Resolved, That the poll tax assessed against lot 11, block 863, for the years 1881, 1882, 1883 and 1884, be cancelled for the reason that the owner is and always has been a non-resident, and that the City Collector be notified to cancel the same on the books in his office.

On petition of Adolph Luck:

Resolved, That the petition of Adolph Luck to be allowed to pay taxes without interest be not granted for the reason that your committee do not believe it to be for the best interest of the city to compromise taxes.

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of January, 1885, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in payment of salaries for the month of January, 1885, when due, viz :

Gilbert Collins, Mayor, $166.66; Thomas Earle, City Treasury, $200; John F. Kelly, City Comptroller, $200; James H. Love, City Collector, $200; William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel, $333.33; Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, $150; George F. McAneny, Clerk to Board Finance and Taxation $100; Isaac Marrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer, $100; George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller, $100; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, $110. Clerks to Collector—S. D. Dickinson, $83.83; John T. M. Kaylar, $70; Lewis E. Smith, $70; Charles Krebs, $70; Charles Freeman, $70; William H. Tuttle, $70; James E. Connolly, $70; Patrick O'Neill, Messenger, $60; William H. Powell, Marshal Second District Court, $50; Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of Arrears of Personal tax, $75. Clerks to City Clerk—Thomas K. Halstead, $75; N. E. Feury, $75; Robert L. Hudson, $66.66; Jarvis P. Wanser, $66.66. Assessors—James F. Gannon, First District, $125; Dennis McLaughlin, Second District, $125; Hugh Dugan, Third District. $125; Stephen P. Yoe. Fourth District, $125; James T. Lillis, Fifth District, $125; James C. Clarke, Sixth District, $125; Printing minutes the Argus, $208.33; the Evening Journal Association, $208.33; cleaning rooms in City Hall, Elizabeth Lynch, $30; Ellen Bowe, $30.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott and Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Datz and carried—Moved that when the Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, February 2d, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN. T. M. KAYLAR, Clerk pro tem.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Monday, February 2d, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present — President McDermott ; Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

The Clerk stated that the meeting was called by order of the President for the transaction of regular business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions were received from Regina Kinkle, Thomas Darlington. E. C. Clarke and John H. Ficken for compromise of assessments.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 6th, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of September, 1884, amounting to $909.63, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 3d, 1884, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of October, 1884, amounting to $1,783.05, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 12th, 1885, to wit :

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for furnishing and delivering about 1,000 lengths of 6-inch cast iron water pipe; 60 lengths of 10-inch cast iron water pipe; 150 lengths of 12-inch cast iron water pipe, at Morgan street dock, be and is hereby awarded to the Warren Foundry and Machine Co. at the price named in their bid, viz : $27.80 per gross ton of 2,240 lbs., that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the necessary contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments of E. C. Clarke, Thomas Darlington, Regina Kinkle and John H. Ficken, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, the board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Monday, February 2d, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—President McDermott, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

In the abscence of the President the Clerk called the Board to order. A quorum not being present he declared the Board adjourned to Friday, February 6th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, February 6, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from William Keeney, E. A. Bramhall and estate of William B. Ogden.

Petition of Mary Berge for cancellation of personal tax.

Petition of G. S. Clark for the return of money paid in error on taxes of 1881

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of certain property owners along the line of the Ravine Road for permission to pay the assessment for the Ravine Road sewer without interest.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of W. W. Winans for payment of interest on bonds and coupons.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Claim of George W. Cassidy of $45 for taking testimony in the case of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. The Central Railroad Co., of N. J.

Claim of Herring & Co. of $267 for safe for the office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Claim of James H. Love of $5.25 for serving notices for Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

Claim of R. Parsche of $56, for stationery and printing for City Treasurer.

Claim of E. W. Harrison of $213.50, for examinations, searches, maps, &c. for Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $13 54 for messenger service for month of January, 1885.

Claim of the Jersey City Gas Light Company of $46 13 for gas consumed in City Hall from October 1st to December 1st, 1884.

Claim of the Jersey City Gas Light Company of $41.18 for gas consumed in City Hall from December 1st, 1884, to January 1st, 1885.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supples.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Official bond of James Wallace as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with Edward Hoos and David P. Harding as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following communication from the President of the Board was received, ordered spread at large on the minutes, and ordered filed:

To the Commissioners of Appeal in Cases of Taxation in and for the City of Jersey City:

In the matters of the appeal of the American Dock and Improvement Company and others, appellants, and of complaints made by the City Collector, under the direction of the Board of Finance and Taxation, that certain assessments for the year 1884, are too low,

I have carefully weighed the testimony taken. Before reporting my conclusions, however, it seems to me proper that I should give you at least some of the facts by which I was led to ask that the Collector be directed to make complaint in the premises. This property is all contiguous to the Bay of New York and the Hudson River, and to arrive at its fair value it is necessary to consider the value of what may be termed the "shore property" of Hudson County. I am indebted for light upon this subject to the testimony of Hon. John C. Stevens, a gentleman of vast experience and sound judgment, Testifying in a case now pending in the Supreme Court of this State, Mr. Stevens says:

"The shore property situate on the Hudson River and New York Bay, between the northerly side of the West Shore Railroad property at Weehawken and Caven Point, embrace all the sites that can be said to be available, at present for railroad main terminations on the west side of the Hudson and New York Bay, contiguous to the City of New York. The total length of this property is about 40,000 feet, the greater part of which has been absorbed within the past twenty-five years for railroad and shipping purposes. In the respective years of 1860 and 1882 it was occupied as follows:

	1860. Per cent.	1882. Per cent.
"For railroad termini	0.6	29.1
" ferry slips and steamer wharves	4.2	8.0
" canal, local and miscellaneous	12.5	16.8
" unused	82.7	36.1
"Total	100	100

"The above demonstrates how great have been the railroad and commercial requirements for the past twenty years. These are still pressing, and it is evident that within a brief period the available sites that now remain will be appropriated, and that, consequently, railroad requirements control values of water front properties. These prospective sites are mainly embraced in two blocks—the one immediately north of Castle Point, Hoboken, the other south of and adjacent to the lands directly owned by the New Jersey Central Company; this latter property being also controlled by that company. A large part of the first block abuts a high bluff which forbids its use for railroad purposes; the remainder has about 2,600 feet frontage, and it is well adapted for such use. The second block, while it will require heavy expenditures, can also be fitted for terminal purposes, These two blocks must suffice not only for the future extensions of main terminations these waters, but also those that may be demanded by other corporations that will hereafter require a water outlet at New York."

These remarks apply with particular force to the property assessed to John Taylor Johnson, the American Dock and Improvement Company and the West Line Railroad, and other lands fitted for the terminus of railroad. The value of this and other land described in the complaints is not, however, limited to its availability for railroad uses, as will be shown hereafter. Confining myself for the present however, to that land which we will conclude to be held for railroad uses, I turn from the testimony of an expert and call the American Dock and Improvement Company, appellant, as a witness. The following is a copy of a paper prepared for that company as a statement of the value of its property when it was desired to mortgage the same a few years ago. The mortgage was negotiated on the basis of the figures here given, and no one familiar with the premises will doubt that this property has since greatly appreciated in value:

Estimate of the present market value of the lands and water rights of the American Dock and Improvement Company, situated at Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey and fronting on the bay of New York, to be included in the mortgage to be given to said Company.

The First Track, marked on the accompanying map "Tract No. 1 and part of Tract No. 1," consists of about one hundred and twelve acres of land above and under water lying on the northerly southerly and westerly side of the tide-water basin established by Act of Legislature of New Jersey in 187 , having a frontage on the southerly side of said water basin of two thousand three hundred lineal feet, on the northerly side thereof of about twenty-eight hundred feet—112 acres @ $20,000 per acre, $2,240,000.

The Second Tract consists of three hundred and eighty (380) acres of upland and land under water, lying south of the terminus of the Central Railroad of New Jersey and north of the land of the National Storage Company, with a frontage on the bay of New York of four thousand and six hundred feet—380 acres @ $22,000 per acre, $8,360,000.

The Third Tract consists of one hundred and eighty acres of upland and land under water lying south of the lands of the National Storage Company, with a frontage of three thousand seven hundred and ten feet on the bay of New York—180 acres @ $17,500 per acre, $3,150,000.

SUMMARY.

First tract, 112 acres @ $20,000	$2,240,000
Second tract, 380 acres @ $22,000	8,360,000
Third tract, 180 acres @ $17,500	3,150,000
672 acres.	$13,750,000

These lands, situated in the immediate centre of the commercial and manufacturing business of the Port of New York, have a total frontage on the tide-water of the bay and harbor of ten thousand five hundred lineal feet, with depth inward from the exterior pier line of about 1,000 in the first tract to 3,000 and 4,000 feet in the second and third tract, and form the only remaining body of land of any considerable extent as yet unabsorbed by railroad, steamship and manufacturing interests, and for other enterprise seeking space and accommodation upon the water front of Jersey City and its vicinity. Here all the great transcontinental lines of railroad, with one exception, have their termini, with all their accompanying piers, wharves, warehouses, grain elevators and other conveniences for the convenient discharge and delivery of freight at tide-water.

At these terminal docks eight of the most important lines of ocean steamships have their termini.

Of the total amount of freights brought to tide-water at the port of New York, to which collection district Jersey City and Hoboken are attached, nine-tenths are received by these trunk lines of railroad with their connecting branches at the last mentioned cities. Commerce has also found the western side of New York Bay to possess additional advantages over its eastern shore—the former being a lee shore, well protected from storms, and by its freedom from the inconvenience of ice in winter allowing uninterrupted access to and from the sea at all seasons of the year.

The expert who made this estimate for the company added the following:

With a view of showing the basis of my valuation of the lands in question, I would cite the former and present value of similar lands in Jersey City which have been purchased and occupied by railroad and other commercial corporations.

First.—The purchase in the year 1869 by the United New Jersey Railroad and canal companies, of which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is now the lessee, of a tract of land wholly under water of seventy acres known as Harsimus Cove, situated between Second and Seventh streets, Jersey City, its frontage on the Hudson River being thirteen hundred feet, with a depth of about two thousand feet extending back from the exterior pier line of the river front. The amount paid for this tract in said year, including the price paid to the State of New Jersey for its water rights, is understood to have been one million five hundred thousand dollars. The larger portion of the water space has been utilized by the formation therein of canals, water basins, piers and other structures, notable among which is the large grain elevator. These improvements are connected by branch railroads extending from the water front to the main trunk line at Bergen Heights. By this arrangement the freight loaded at Chicago, or further West and South-is delivered into steamships and other vessels at the wharves and piers without change, saving the expense of handling and trans-shipment over the river to vessels lying at the wharves of the City of New York.

This property of seventy acres is now valued, not estimating the railroad structures and improvements placed thereon, at four millions dollars.

Second.—The year eighteen hundred and seventy the corporation of Jersey City purchased a strip of land under water at the foot of Morgan street, Jersey City, for the purpose of building a public wharf on the river front for the accommodation of its citizens, the dimension of the tract being one hundred feet front on the Hudson River, and extending five hundred feet out to the exterior pier line, giving for the same the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, the area of the tract being a little over an acre. This being a corporation purchase, the market value of the tract may reasonably be estimated at one half of the amount then paid, or $62,500 per acre.

Third.—The basin of the Morris Canal and Banking Company, situated between the Central Railroad Company's lands on the south and South street, Jersey City, on the north, containing forty acres of land under water, with a width of about one thousand feet fronting on the Hudson River, and extending westerly a distance of seventeen hundred and fifty feet from the exterior pier line.

This property was leased from the State of New Jersey in the year 1867 at an annual rental of twenty-five thousand dollars, representing a capitalized sum of three hundred and fifty-seven thousand one hundred and forty-two dollars. *This property would now command in open market fully two million dollars, being at the rate of fifty thousand dollars an acre.* It will be noticed that this basin connects on its westerly side with the tidewater basin, upon which Tract No. 1 and part of the No. 1, of about 112 acres, is located.

Upon the map attached hereto will be noticed the position of the three tracts of land to be included in said mortgage, as also the localities of the Harsimus Cove, the Jersey City wharf, the Morris Canal Company's basin above cited, together with a general view of all the railroad and other commercial improvements existing upon the water front of the County of Hudson.

These figures support the testimony before the Board, and I apply them, as indicating true value, to the appeal of the American Dock and Improvement Company. In the assessment of the greater portion of this property the books show the assessment to have been by lots and blocks. A much better way would be to assess by acreage. There are not any streets through this property, nor any likelihood that there ever will be:

Block No.	*Description.*	*Assessment.*
580	5-6 block A, south	$ 9,100
581	3-8 block A, south	9,375
582	S., 2-9 of block	15,000
583½	Block A	14,800
584	Block A	9,500
	Total	$57,775

The above plots should be assessed as a whole, containing 16,223 acres. Its true value is at least $162,200. This is on a basis of $10,000 per acre. A portion of this property was sold by the appellant for $11,325 per acre in 1881.

Block No.	*Description.*	*Assessment.*
585	Block A	$10,000
678	Block A	6,900
683	Block N, 7-8 A	7,150
686	Block E	3,000
689	N., cor. block	300
	Total	$27,350

The above property should be assessed in one piece. It contains 14.66 acres, and is worth $58,000.

Block No.	*Description.*	*Assessment.*
483	S. of Philip street	$184,050
486	New York Bay	
583	" " " (Abattoir)	
679	Bet. Nat. Co. and N. Y Bay.	
682	" " "	
687	" " "	
1497	Black Tom Island	19,000
	Total	$203,050

This plot is all shore front and lands under water, covered by a State grant, lying between the shore and the exterior line for solid filling:

The area of fast land is 24,348 acres, worth	$194,784
The area of land under water, 326,668 acres worth	1,470,006
Total	$1,664,790

The American Dock and Improvement Company sold the land just south of this property, in 1877, for the following figures:

80.61 acres, about one-fifth upland	$163,931
17.28 acres, about one-third upland, including part of Black Tom Island	73,727
Total	$237,658

This was at the rate of $3,736 per acre for the first plot and $4,218 for the second. The property of the appellants is better situated than that included in this sale, and the value I have given is at the rate of $3,000 per acre for upland and $4,000 for land under water. It will be seen by reference to the appeal that the appellant asks for that property twice as valuable as that which sold for $237,658 be assessed at $45,000.

Block 1499, plot E, New York Bay, assessed valuation $135,000

This plot is mainly lands under water, the State grant being to the American Dock and Improvement Company and the Central Railroad of New Jersey, at Caven Point. It is worth less than the immediately preceding plot on account of a reef in front of it. It contains 186 acres, and is worth $700,000. The State grant alone, at prices paid for the next plot on the south in 1873, would reach $558,000.

The following table shows the assessed value of other property described in the appeal of the Central Railroad Company, together with its true value:

Block No.	Assessed Value.	True Value.
455	$47,100	$86,000
490, 5 9, 685, 586, 677, 684	43,100	96,000
5,8, 587, 676	13,000	48,000
565, 566, 593, to 596 (inc.)	1,900	8,000
69.5, 143,2 and plot H	14,000	75,000
693, 694, 695 and 1491	17,500	5[illegible],000
1503	2,400	8,000
Other property described above	288,175	1,894,000
	$436,675	$2,274,000

The balance of the property mentioned in these appeals has been considered by your Board under the complaints made by the Collector and here referred to. Believing that the property of the appellants is not assessed within seventy-five per centum of its true value, I not only decline to recommend a reduction, but ask that the Collector be instructed to make proper complaint, in order that this property may be legally assessed.

I now come to that property complained of by the Collector under direction of the Board of Finance. At the hearing of these cases, on Jan. 24th, counsel for several parties objected that this Board is without power to raise a valuation after the payment of tax. In the case of the property known as the Adirondac Steel Works the notice was improperly served, and it will be necessary to obtain jurisdiction by proper service before the assessment upon this property can be changed.

This property is assessed at $50,400. It is in the market for sale, and over $100,000 has, I understand, been refused for it. This land is worth fully $115,000. These works were leased in May, 1 82, for $12,000 per annum - the lessee paying, in addition to this rental, all taxes and water rents. This lease was for two years. I do not know whether it has been continued. It should be assessed for at least $35, 00.

In the cases of property assessed to the West Line Railroad Company, the American Dock and Improvement Company and John Taylor Johnson, the following figures show the assessed and the true values·

Block No.	Assessed Value.	True Value.
162, 163, 1 4, 165, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198 and 220	$64,000	$333,000
264	9,200	36,000
297	12,000	40,000
298, 299, 30	48,000	176,000
Part of 462	15, 00	44,0 0
754, 755, 764, 765, 774, 775, 776 and 773	304,000	500,000
461 and part of 462	36,0 0	137,0 0
Part of 296	6, 00	22,00
333	9,600	23,000
369, part of 37	4,000	21,000
46 , 264, 465	1 8,000	230,000
335	9.600	39,000
336	7,800	45,000
337	7,200	30,0 0
370, 371, 372 and 373	29,400	180,000
Totals	$659,800	$1,856,000

Block No. 3, lots 14 to 21, assessed to American Coal Company, and one-half the piers at foot of Morris and Essex streets, are assessed to the American Coal Company. This property is assessed at $64,000. It cost $1 0,000 in 1863. On the valu e of th s property i refer you to the testimony given by Mr. William A. Harney;

Q. You made an offer for the property owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Company? A. Yes; I made the offer to the President of the company—Mr. Lloyd, I think it was—about three years ago; I offe e them $200, 000: they said they wouldn't think of such an offer; I intimated that I might get them $25,000 more, but it was no use talking about such an offer; they wouldn't consider it.

Q. Do you think you could get them an offer of $150,000 for that property within a short time? A. Yes, I do.

Q. You can get a purchaser at $150,000 if they will sell? A. Yes: I think I could sell it to-day for $175,-000; I think I know parties who will take it.

It is not fair to the thousands of taxpayers in Jersey City who are assessed on 80 to 90 per centum of the value of their homes and upon vacant land to assess this property at $64,000.

Block 13, lots 18 to 26, and pier at foot of First street, are assessed at $56,000. In this piece there are nine lots fronting on the Hudson River, and worth at least $120,000.

Block 12, lots 14 to 21, inclusive, assessed to Dodge, Meigs & Co., at $23,000. There are eight lots fronting on the river, worth at least, with the pier, $115,000. The property adjoining the last described plots was bought by th city for $100,000, that price being paid for one hundred feet ronta e on the Hudson River—a mere strip of land in front of which to erect a public dock.

Block 4, lots 14 to 21, inclusive, and Block 5, lots 14 to 21, inclusive, are assessed to the Association of the Jersey Company. These lots are worth $240,000. They are assessed at $80,000, but the Assessor seems to have made up, to a considerable extent, this discrepancy, by the assessment of piers in front of the land. They are assessed at $216,000. They are not worth more than $160 000, so that the true value of the property assessable against this company on Blocke 4 and 5 is $400,-000, upon which they have been assessed at $2 6,000, I estimate this property at a value which includes the State grant to the riparian owner. Allowance should be made for the over-assessment of the piers, when the Board determines what value to place on the land. In the examination of these complaints and ap eals my attention has been called to the assessment made against the property upon Plot A, and adjoining property of the National storage Company. This property is assessed 1 $208,000. This represents the assessment against all the property of this company, and the fact that it seems to be about $1, 00,000 less than the fair value of that property, must stand as my excuse for asking that it sooud be investigated.

Blocks 129 and 129 A, assessed to James R, Thompson and William M Force are assessed at $115,400. This includes the value of all buildings on the premises. Messrs. Thomp on and Force have submitted the following statements of the value of their property:

NEW JERSEY, HUDSON COUNTY, SS:

James R. Thompson maketh oath and sai h: That the real estate situate in Block one hundred and twenty-nine and one hundred and twenty-nine A, in Jersey City, which is assessed against Jas. R. Thompson and Company for taxes for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and to the value of which Mr. Harrison testified on January 24th, before the Commissioners of Appeal, actually cost fifty-six thousand and twenty-seven dollars and twelve cents, before filling in; that the same was when purchased within a slight fraction, lands covered by tide-water; that the cost of filling in said lands, so far as filled, is the sum of twenty-one thousand two hundred and fifty-six dollars and fi ty-three cents; that in addition to the said last-named sum, part of the refuse from the steel works has been placed upon the property, and forms a part of its filling; that the value of that refuse so placed upon this land would be about the sum of one thousand dollars.

JAS. N. THOMPSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, at Jersey City January 26, 1885.

PETER BENTLEY, M. C. C. of N. J.

New Jersey, Hudson County, ss:

William M. Force maketh oath and saith: That the real estate assessed against him for the taxes of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, in block one hundred and twenty-nine A, in Jersey City, the value of which was testified to by Mr. Harrison, on January twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, before the Commissioners of Appeals, actually cost, before filling in, the sum of thirty thousand dollars; that the deponent's books of account, showing the cost of filling in said lands were destroyed by fire several years ago; that he estimates the cost of the filling of his lands to be about the cost of filling the lands of Thompson and Company, adjoining his land on the west, at a cost of about six thousand dollars per acre.

WM. M. FORCE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, at Jersey City, January 26, 1885.

PETER BENTLEY, M. C. C. of N. J.

These figures fully support the values I have placed upon the land in the vicinity. The cost of this land as it is found to-day r aches $121,208. The buildings on this property are worth, at a very low estimate, $25,000, or about fifty per cent. of what it would cost to replace them, making the total value $146,208.

In addit on to objections made of improper service of notices of appeal, it is insisted on behalf of all parties cited that the Board is without jurisdiction, and that the assessed value of property cannot be advanced after the books have been given to the Collector. If these objections are sustained by the Courts we will nevertheless have obtained, by these proceedings, standards for future assessments which will amply compensate for the labor performed. The class of property we are considering commands a ready sale, and the long and bitter litigation, still pending, over what is known as the West Line Grant, shows the esteem in which this and similar property is held by those who know its due value. Other vacant land in Jersey City is assessed at an average of eighty-five per centum of its true market value, and bears its f ull quota of taxation. Hundreds of lots are assessed at more than they would bring at forced sale. Why should this water front, competition for the ownership of which is not confined to this State or country, not be assessed by the same standard?

It is said that values have been heretofore agreed upon between the city authorities and the appellants, lower than those fixed by the assessors. This is true, and relieves the assessors from blame, for they have followed the figures established several years ago, and accepted last year by the Board of Commissioners of Appeal. My answ er to this argument is: We are not adjudicating upon what has been done in past years, nor upon the wisdom of compromises which were the outcome of urgent n cessities and want of power on the part of the city, but upon the question: "What is the fair value of this property for purposes of taxation for the year 1884?"

In the briefs submitted by the appellees it is strenuously urged that the property of the West Line Railroad and other corporations should not be assessed at its true value; that allowance should be made for the fact, in the words of one argument, that "Jersey City furnishes to these lands neither gas, police nor schools." This plea is bad. The constitution of this State requires that property shall be assessed by uniform rates and according to value. All I ask is that this land shall be assessed at the same per centum of its true value borne by all other property to which Jersey City furnishes "neither gas, police nor schools," if any estate can be truly said to be in that deplorable condition I would sugge t to those who make this plea that if there were neither police, firemen nor schools in Jersey City there would be startling fluctions in the va ue of property held for purposes which invite aggregated capital and insure it profitable investment.

In the case of vacant land, we cannot resort to a standard of produc iveness.

It is further urged that the values sought to be fixed are imaginary; that the land has not any market value, etc. The testimony of E. W. Harrison is an answer to these points. He has brought to this subject patient research and clear judgment, and the facts which have influenced him in arriving at his decisions have been held by the Courts of this State to be proper elements in determining the taxable value of property. That income is not the criterion of value has received direct adjudication. That proximity to the harbor of New York is to be considered in the valuation of this property does not a limit of argument.

I have heretofore suggested that this land should be assessed by the acre. It is owned by a few corporations, and will never be divided among many holders, the uses which determine its value requiring that it

should be held in large plots. It is not practicable to change the assessment in this particular, for the present levy, but maps should be made for future assessments.

I do not think that it will be wholly unwarranted on my part, if, in connection with the matters which you have referred to me, I offer a few suggestions. The large estates with which we are dealing have not been properly assessed. Neither have hundreds of houses and lots owned by individuals. To remedy this committees of three were appointed for each District. One committee has reported, and its complaints are in the hands of the Board. Another committee has reported, and while their report is as full of wise sayings as the average political platform, they neglect to give a single lot or block against which the Board can proceed. The difficulty in the way of this movement is that citizens are loth to make specific complaints. Believing this difficulty to be quite, if no wholly, insurmountable, I suggest, for use in the next assessment, the following plan, subject, of course to modification and improvement:

First—That every lot and building in Jersey City shall be re-valued.

Second—That the Assessors shall file with the City Collector, for public inspection, a statement of the valuation of each precinct as the same is completed.

Third—That the land in each block shall be valued separately from the buildings thereon, and that each tax bill shall contain a statement of the separate valuations as follows:

Block—Lot No—Street No—Location of Premises—Value of Land—Value of Buildings—Total Value of Real Estate—Value of Personal Property—Statement of Tax.

This will at least produce equality in the assessment of land in each locality, for a discrepancy will be recognized at a glance. The improper assessment of a building is easily determined. If a proper assessment of the entire city, based upon a uniform standard, is obtained, the tax rate for next year, with judicious economy in the matter of appropriations, can be made a token of welcome to general investment and advancement. Regretting the poverty of time allowed by statute between appeal and decision, I present resolutions in conformity with the conclusions reached.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN L. McDERMOTT.

M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal taxes, reported the amount collected to date to be $812 19.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $2,974 96.

2 Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $1,284.79.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $73.50.

4 Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $584 50.

5. Advertising for proposals for laying water pipe from Belleville to the line of Harrison Township for the purpose of supplying Harrison and Kearney with water.

6. Authorizing purchase of right to use waterphones.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally on the official bond of James Wallace, as Constable, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, February 21, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $2,974 96, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 21, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $1,284.79, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Februard 21, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $73.50, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 21, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $384.50, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 21, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments be and is hereby authorized to purchase the exclusive right of the Bell Waterphone Co. for the use of Jersey City in accordance with the proposition made by them to this Board, be and is hereby nonconcurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of estate of W. B. Ogden and E. A. Bramhall for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of G. C. Clark:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of G. C. Clark for the sum of $2.88, being amount paid in error on taxes for the year 1881 as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above reports, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the following claims:

$45 to George W. Cassedy for taking testimony in the case of the Mayor and Aldermen vs. the Central Railroad of New Jersey, et als.

$213.50 to E. W. Harrison for services in making maps, searches, &c., for Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

$267 to Herring & Co. for safe for the office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

$5.25 to James H. Love for serving notices for Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

$56 to R. Parche for stationery for Treasurer's office.

$77 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising.

$92 to the Argus for advertising and printing manuals, pages 116 to 123.

$46.13 to the Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas in City Hall, from October 1 to December 1, 1884.

$41 18 to the Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas in City Hall, from December 1 to January 1, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive all assessments levied under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the continuation of the Ravine Road sewer in the city of Jersey City and City of Hoboken," approved April 9, 1875, and the supplements thereto, without interest or penalty for the non-payment of the same, and to cancel the record of such assessment in each case where such payment shall be made on or before the sixth day of March next; and

Resolved, That upon payment being made as aforesaid such assessment shall cease to be a lien upon the property for which any such payment shall be made, but shall be deemed and taken in each case of such payment to be fully paid and satisfied.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature entitled "An Act relative to interest on arrears of taxes and assessments in incorporated cities," approved February 5th, 1885, the City Collector and the City Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to receive the amount of any tax or assessment due upon any real estate in this city laid or imposed prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and now remaining unpaid with interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum, said interest to be calculated from the time interest is properly chargeable thereon to the time of such payment together with the actual expenses theretofore incurred for the enforcements and payment of said taxes or assessments provided, however, that this resolution shall not be construed to authorize the receipt of any such taxes or assessments at such rate of interest in cases where lands and real estate have been sold for taxes or assessments and bought in by any person other than the city of Jersey City or some officer for the use of such city.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William W. Winans for the sum of $38.99, being amount of interest due on bonds and coupons.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be requested to certify to this Board at its next meeting the amounts due the city for water rents for the years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882 and 1883.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott; Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer, and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Friday, February 13th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, February 13th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of George P. Wright for rebate on an assessment.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Henry B. and Elizabeth C. Laidlaw for compromise of taxes and assessments.

Received and referred to the President of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Petition of James Thorn for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from William Harney, William Machold, C. P. Nicoll and James A. Alexander, trustee.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city Treasury February 7th to 13th, 1885, both days included, at $19,357.52.

Received and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

JERSEY CITY, February 13th, 1885.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—Under the law passed last Winter for the taxation of railroad property, the State Board of Assessors out of abundant caution included in their assessment as used for railroad purposes certain property which our local assessors have also assessed as not used for railroad purposes and therefore subject to local taxation. By an act of the present Legislature the City is authorized to take proceedings in a summary way to settle the question of whether or not this property is subject to local taxation and as the matter is one of considerable importance to the City, I suggest that our law officers be directed to speedily take such proceedings as will determine the matter as to all property about which there may be reasonable question. The President of your honorable body, also a member of the State Board of Assessors, can doubtless furnish all the necessary information on that subject. The proper status of the grain elevators should certainly be fixed, and I am informed that there is considerable other property in the same uncertain situation. There is litigation pending on former tax levies under the old law as to the grain elevators, and perhaps certain other property, but a judgment of the Court in that litigation will not settle the dispute, as the question is, how under the present railroad tax (which differs from the former in many important respects) the property is assessable.

Yours respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS,
Mayor.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—At your last meeting you passed a resolution instructing the City Collector to receive on taxes levied prior to the year 1883 interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum instead of at the higher statutory rate. Such resolutions is authorized by a recent act of the Legislature passed upon the expiration of the time limited in a former act allowing a like privilege. I have always been strongly opposed to the policy of these yearly statutes remitting or reducing penalties for non-payment of taxes. I am convinced that their tendency is to discourage prompt taxpaying, which is so essential to effective municipal government. My views on the subject were very fully stated in the message delivered on assuming the office of Mayor, I therein also expressed a belief that public feeling was tending in the same direction, and that it was not likely that any subsequent Legislature would pass such a statute. I therefore warned our citizens to take advantage of the existing legislative clemency and to pay their arrears of taxes within the period of grace given by the then existing statute. That period having expired the Legislature so far justified the belief I expressed that it declined to pass an act of absolute reduction of the rate of interest on arrears of taxes but cast upon the city itself the burden of deciding whether it would permit such a reduction. I am unwilling to sanction for another year the continuance of a reduction in the rate of interest on arrears of taxes and shall therefore be compelled to disapprove this resolution, unless on reconsideration your honorable body shall think it wise to adopt the suggestion hereinafter made. It is very possible that many of our citizens were unaware that the privilege granted by last year's statute would expire so soon. The limit was not mentioned in the Mayor's message, and I have reason to think that many who intended to avail themselves of the privilege within the time allowed have been taken by surprise. I am therefore willing to consent to a short extension, and should you agree with me and rescind the resolution now before me and substitute for it one fixing an early day on which the privilege shall absolutely cease, I will cheerfully approve it. Public attention will thus be called to the matter, or it would probably be wise to direct the City Collectors to publish special notice on the subject. I suggest that a convenient limit (and one which may have been understood by many as that referred to in the Mayor's message) would be the end of the present official year of the city, namely, the first Monday of May next. I would add that I see no objection to including in the privilege the arrears of taxes for 1883, as it is my observation that those taxpayers who are only one year in arrears have been put in that position by necessity, and they compose the class most deserving of favor.

Very respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS, Mayor.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a transfer to place the name of streets on lamps at the corners of streets.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting Comptroller to charge the pay roll for cleaning sewers for the month of December, 1884, amounting to $123.42 to the Committee on Sewers.

Resolution from the Board of PublicWorks requesting transfer of $1,500 from the account of cleaning streets to a special account for payment of incidental expenses.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Widening Garfield avenue, from Gate avenue to Linden avenue.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled the same members present

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally on the official bonds of Charles Stuhr and Thomas Holderer, as Inspectors of Scales, Weights and Measures, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 12th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $50, be paid to F. P. Budden, Jr, for services as night watchman for month of January, 1885, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported verbally on petition of F. H. Spengeman, requesting the cancellation of tax sale, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported claims for payment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer as follows:

$160 05 to Hoos & Schultz for furniture for Collector's office.

$140 to Jordan Stationery Company for printing Comptroller's report.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of seventeen thousand dollars to transfer that amount from General account to Water account as a loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Bridget Parker for the sum of thirty dollars for services during the month of January, 1885, as Janitrix in City Hall.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the assessment made against D. L. Van Horn for personal tax valued at $100, and described as Block 1,372, year 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, said assessment having been erroneously assessed.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That Lucien D. Fowler be and is hereby authorized to have the new assessment map of old Jersey City, lately prepared under the supervision of the Engineering Bureau, lithographed, and twenty-five copies of the same filed in the office of the City Collector at a cost not to exceed $250.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by this Board February 6th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That in accordance with the provision of an act of the Legislature entitled "An act relative to interest on arrears of taxes and assessments in incorporated cities," approved February 5th, 1885, the City Collector and the City Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to receive the amount of any tax or assessment due upon any real estate in this city, laid or imposed prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and now remaining unpaid with interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum, said interest to be calculated from the time interest is properly chargeable thereon to the time of such payment, together with the actual expenses theretofore incurred for the enforcement and payment of said taxes or assessments, provided, however, that this resolution shall not be construed to authorize the receipt or any such taxes or assessments at such rate of interest in cases where lands and real estate have been sold for taxes or assessments, and bought in by any other person, that the City of Jersey City or some officer for the use of said city," be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void and of no effect.

By Mr. Datz:

Whereas, By an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled, "An Act relative to arrears of Taxes and Assessments in incorporated Cities," approved February 5, 1885, power is given to this Board to direct the City Collector and City Treasurer to receive certain arrears of taxes at the rate of seven per centum per annum, provided such taxes be paid within one year; and,

Whereas, It is deemed inadvisable that so long a time should be allowed for such payments; therefore,

Resolved, That in accordance with said act the City Collector and the City Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to receive the amount of any tax due upon any real estate in this city, laid or imposed prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and now remaining unpaid with interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum, said interest to be calculated from the time interest is properly chargeable thereon to the time of such payment, together with the actual expenses theretofore incurred for the enforcement and payment of such taxes; provided, however, that this resolution shall not be construed to authorize the receipt of any such taxes at such rate of interest in cases where lands and real estate have been sold for taxes and bought in by any other person than the city of Jersey City, or some officer for the use of said city, and provided further that such payments be made prior to the thirtieth day of April, 1885, and

Resolved, That this Board will not extend the time for the payment of taxes under the provisions of said act beyond the said thirtieth day of April, 1885, and further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, when approved by the Mayor, be published three times in the official papers.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Datz and carried—Moved that when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Friday, February 20th, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, February 20, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were on motion approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from P. Bailden and Frederick W. Whitridge.

Petition of P. H. Hanley for return of money paid in error on personal taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $98.10 for printing law cases, Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. Elmendorf; claim of Albert Datz of $93.55 for stationery furnished Comptroller's office.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Treasurer for stationery, received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the receipts for the two weeks ending February 20, 1885, to be $637.59. Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from February 14th to 20th, 1885, to be $50,613.36.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Water Registrar:

JERSEY CITY, February 20, 1885.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation.

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with your resolution of February 6th, I would report that the following amount of water rents remain uncancelled on the books in this office:

Water rents 1879	$10,380 98
Water rents 1880	10,926 69
Water rents 1881	13,771 79
Water rents 1882	16,974 74
Water rents 1883	23,582 55
Total	$75,636 75

I have collected from April 1st, 1884, to February 1st, 1885, arrears of water rents amounting to $92,268 92

Interest and penalty on the same 22,893 14

Total $115,162 06

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. MCCARTIN, Registrar.

The above communication was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, February 19, 1885.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

GENTLEMEN—I return without my approval your resolution authorizing the remission of penalties and interest upon the assessment for the Ravine road sewer in cases where the same should be paid before March 6th, 1885, without now considering the merits of the matter. My objection to the resolution is that I have grave doubts of the power of the corporate authorities of Jersey City to interfere with this assessment, levied as it was under the provisions of a special law, and there may be also complications arising out of the peculiar relation of Hoboken to the assessment.

Yours respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS, Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting the Comptroller to place to the credit of the appropriation for public buildings and grounds, fiscal year 1884 and '85, the appropriation for the month of June, same year, for the purpose of paying claims.

The resolution was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Opening a portion of Pavonia avenue.
2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Feb. 9th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the petition in writing of Reuben Simpson and others, presented to this Board on the 26th day of January, 1885, for the widening of Garfield avenue from Gates avenue to Linden avenue, be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board, which hereby declares that it favors said petition and the same is hereby referred to the Commissioners of Assessment and the Chief Engineer, he being a discreet surveyor not interested in said improvement to be proceeded with according to law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 19th, 1885, awarding the contract to Myles Tierney for paving Grand street (on the west side), from Oswego street to a point about fifty feet south of Westervelt street, including intersections at the price named in his proposal, viz., $1,776, be and is hereby concurred by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 19th, 1885, awarding contract to Myles Tierney for paving Wayne street, from bridge stone on Monmouth street to the west side of Colgate street, including intersections, at the price named in his proposal, viz., $3,508.20, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, January 12th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for building a box sewer in Montgomery street

from the bridge over Cornelison avenue to Oyster Creek, a distance of about 850 feet, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 8, 1884, awarding damages for land taken for the opening of a street to be called Clark avenue from Old Bergen Road to Ocean avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of March, 1885, interest account:

On general account	$5,600 00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	1,592 50
On water account	19,145 00

By Mr. Heppenheimer:

Resolved, That William H. Jones be and he is hereby appointed Marshal of the Second District Court at a salary of $50 per month to fill vacancy caused by the death of William H. Powell.

By President McDermott:

Whereas, A supplement to an act entitled "An Act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10th, 1884, which supplement was approved February 5th, 1885, contains the following provisions, to wit:

"That in case any property of any railroad or canal company which has been or shall hereafter be in any year assessed by the local authorities of any taxing district has been or shall be also assessed by the State Board of Assessors as property used for railroad or canal purposes the Supreme Court or any three Justices thereof to be assigned by the Chief Justice, shall determine in a summary manner the character of the property and whether used for railroad or canal purposes, and by which assessors the same has lawfully been assessed, which determination shall be made whether the taxes in question have been paid or not, and whether certiorari to review either assessment has been granted or not. Such determination shall be made under an order to show cause at a time and place to be therein designated, which order shall be granted by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court upon application ex parte by any of the parties interested, namely by the Attorney General on behalf of the State, or by the owner of the property assessed or by the authorities of the taxing district, and said order shall be served not less than ten days before the day fixed therein for the hearing, upon the said parties interested not making such application, depositions may be taken on two days' notice by either party to be used on such hearing, the justice before whom the matter shall be heard, may, if they see fit, view the property in dispute to guide them in their decision, the judgment of the Court shall direct the cancellation or reduction of either assessment as the character of the property may require, and shall make such order as to the return to the taxpayers of any tax or any portion thereof that may have been paid to the State or to any taxing district not entitled thereto, as such Court shall deem just, the payment of costs may be directed in such manner as the Court may deem equitable, the said judgment shall be conclusive and final in all collateral proceedings, but may be reviewed on writ of error by the Court of Errors and Appeals; and

Whereas, In the assessment made by the State Board of Assessors there have been included the grain elevators belonging to or used by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company, as well as other property owned or used by railroad companies which elevators and property have been assessed by the Assessors of Jersey City upon the ground that the same are not used for railroad purposes.

And whereas, It is important that the proper classification of the property assessed by State and city authorities as aforesaid should be speedily determined,

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel is requested to apply immediately to the Supreme Court of this State to determine under the provisions of the act of 1885 whether said elevators are used for railroad purposes and by which Assessors the same have been legally assessed; and

Resolved, That the State Board of Assessors be requested to furnish to the City Collector a statement showing the assessment by that Board of property in Jersey City; and

Resolved, That upon receipt of such statement from the State Board the City Collector shall prepare and send to the Corporation Counsel a description of all property assessed by both State or local assessors. The Corporation Counsel shall thereupon apply to the Court for a determination of the propriety of such assessments, taking all necessary steps to have adjudication upon all property in Jersey City assessed by both State and local assessors before the first day of July, 1885.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the offices in the City Hall be closed on Monday, February 23, 1885, it being a legal holiday.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Datz, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet Wednesday, February 25th, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, February 25th, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from property owners along the line of Griffith street, requesting the Board to concur in the resolution for the construction of a sewer in said street.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of Ellen Carra for compromise of an assessment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $52.50 for printing manuals and official printing.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Co. of $12.25 for ice furnished offices in City Hall from January 21st to February 21st.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Corporation Counsel reported on petition of George P. Wright for rebate on assessment adverse to the payment of the same being barred by the Statute of Limitations of Actions.

The petition was received, ordered filed, and the Clerk directed to notify petitioner.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments.
2. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments.
3. Improvement of South street from Ogden to Central avenues.
4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 21st, 1883, for the construction of a 24-inch oval brick sewer in Griffith street from a point 115 feet east of Summit avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Central avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, February 24th, 1885, for the improvement of South street from Ogden avenue to Central avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the Pay Roll Resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 24th, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of February, 1885, amounting to $828.33, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 4th, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, amounting to $470.01, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Ellen Carra, William Harney and Son, William B. Van Vorst, T. W. Whitridge, P. Baldwin, William Machold, William Keeney and James A. Alexander, all for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted:

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the reports they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn as follows:

$12 25 be paid to the Chelsea Ice Company for ice furnished from January 21st to February 21st, 1885.

$52.50 to the Argus for official printing and printing manuals.

$93.55 to Albert Datz for stationery furnished Comptroller's office.

Claim of Albert Datz for stationery for printing law case The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. Elmendorf $91; $13.54 to the American District Telegraph Company for messenger services, month of January, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of February, 1885, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of February, 1885, when due. viz.:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
John F. Kelly, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
S. D. Dickinson	83 33
John T. M. Kaylar	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
William H. Tuttle	70 00
James E. Connolly	70 00
Patrick O'Neill, messenger	60 00
Menzie C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
Charles S. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
Clerks to City Clerk:—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00

R. L. Hudson		66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser		66 66
Assessors—		
James F. Gannon, 1st district		125 00
Dennis McLaughlin, 2d district		125 00
Hugh Dugan, 3d district		125 00
Stephen P. Yoe, 4th district		125 00
James Lillis, 5th district		125 00
James C. Clarke, 6th district		125 00
Printing Minutes—		
The Argus		208 33
The Evening Journal		208 33
Cleaning Rooms in City Hall—		
Bridget Parker		15 00
Elizabeth Lynch		30 00
Ellen Bowe		30 00

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz:

Moved and carried, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the call of the chair.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, March 2nd, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Heppenheimer and Jordan.

The clerk having read the call which was signed by the President, the Board proceeded to transact regular business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of F. H. Spengeman for the return of money in error on taxes.

Petitions of William McCarthy, Ada F. Gallagher and Elizabeth Wilson for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of R. Porsche of $48.75 for stationery furnished City Treasurer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller for reports.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

JERSEY CITY, March 2, 1885.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Gentlemen—As the result of a prolonged investigation, conducted with the aid of the President of your honorable body, I have this day sent a message to the Board of Public Works, advising the taking of such steps as shall accomplish the reducing to possession of the valuable grant of land in what is called the south cove made to this city by the State by the act of the Legislature, approved April 4, 1872, pamphlet laws, p. 1356. The title to said lands was amply vested by the act itself, enjoyment was deferred until compensation should be made as determined by the Board of Riparian Commissioners. The determination of that Board was that such compensation should be taken in a bond therefor in the sum of one thousand dollars payable in one year with interest at seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. Should the Board of Public Works, at its meeting to-day, pass a resolution accepting said grant and directing the issue of such bond, I recommend a concurrence by your Honorable Body in such resolution and the authorizing the issue and delivery of the bond accordingly.

Very respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS, Mayor.

The communication was received, ordered filed and in connection therewith the following resolution was offered by President McDermott:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works at its meeting held this date, viz:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation that the grant from the State of New Jersey to "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," by the act of the Legislature of New Jersey, entitled "An act to cede to the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City certain lands of the State now and heretofore under the tide waters of Communipaw Bay, and to establish a tide-water basin adjacent thereto," approved April 4th, 1872, be and the same hereby is accepted and that there be issued and delivered as the compensation provided for by said act as the same has been determined by the Board of Riparian Commissioners of New Jersey, by virtue of said act a bond of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City to the State of New Jersey, in the sum of one thousand dollars, to be dated on the day of the approval by the Mayor of the concurring resolution of the said Board of Finance and Taxation, and payable in one year after the date thereof, with interest at seven per centum per annum payable semi-annually, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation; and further

Resolved, That there be issued under the corporate seal of the city and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and delivered to the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey, a bond of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, to the State of New Jersey in the sum of one thousand dollars, to be dated on the day of the approval of this resolution by the Mayor, and payable in one year after the date thereof, with interest at seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually as the compensation provided for in said act, as the same has been determined by the Board of Riparian Commissioners of New Jersey.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Two resolutions were received from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfers, both of which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works accepting the grant of the South Cove and directing the issue of a bond for the payment of the same.

The resolution was received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of February, 1885.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of February, 1885.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoir for the month of February, 1885.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of February, 1885.

On motion the Board took a recess of ten minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,500 from the account of cleaning streets fiscal year of 1884 and 1885 to a special account for the purpose of paying incidental expenses incurred in Street Department charges against said special account, not to exceed $125 each month. The same committee reported the official bond of James B. Niblett as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the Bond Book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the

above resolution the reports were received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Heppenheimer and Jordan.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 16th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the petition in writing of Richard G. Sip and others presented to the Board on the 9th day of February, 1885, for the opening of Pavonia avenue east about four hundred and forty-one (441) feet to the easterly boundary line of lands of the estate of Ric'd G. Sip, deceased, be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board, which hereby declares that it favors said petition and the same is hereby referred to the Commissioners of Assessment and the Chief Engineer, he being a discreet surveyor not interested in said improvement to be proceeded with according to law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 2, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for shutting off and repairing of hydrants for the month of February 1885, amounting to $168, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 2d, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for reassessing for the month of February, 1885, amounting to $365.67, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 2d, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of February, 1885, amounting to $2,609.14, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 2d, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of February, 1885, amounting to $1,408.36, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 2d, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for laying 20-inch water main, with all the necessary water gates (according to specifications), from Belleville reservoir to the line of Harrison Township, for the purpose of supplying the town of Harrison and Kearney with water, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Heppenheimer and Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of William McCarthy, Ada F. Gallagher and Elizabeth T. Wilson for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above reports, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs Datz, and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Heppenheimer and Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That upon the payment to the City Treasurer by Mary E. Ryle of the amount of the sales for the taxes for the years 1869, 1870 and 1871, against lots 51, 52, 53 and 54, in block 639, St. Paul's avenue, together with interest at seven per cent., and the costs of advertising and sale, the said City Treasurer execute and deliver to said Mary E. Ryle an assignment without recourse of the interest of the city in said lots by virtue of said tax sales, and that the City Clerk do thereupon enter upon the record of sales on file in his office a minute of said assessment; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to cancel the record of the sales of said lots for the unpaid water rents thereon for the years 1869 and 1870, no water having been introduced or used upon said premises during the years for which said water rents were imposed and levied; and further

Resolved, That the City Collector be is hereby instructed to receive from said Mary E. Ryle or her representative the face value of the assessment for flagging West St. Paul's avenue against said four lots amounting to $134.92 without interest, provided however all other taxes, assessments and water rents and sales therefor against said lots due to the city are paid in full with interest and costs, all of the above payments shall be made within twenty days after the passage of these resolutions. And provided further that these resolutions shall not go into effect until the same shall have been approved as to the power of the city to make the above settlement by the Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John T. M. Kaylar for the sum of fifty dollars for extra clerical services rendered to the Committee on Revision of Assessments.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the salary of Elizabeth Lynch, Ellen Bowe and Bridget Parker, sweepers and cleaners in the City Hall, be and is fixed at $25 per month each from March 1st, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Heppenheimer and Jordan.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, March 9th, 1885, at 2 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, March 9th, 1885, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of the estate of William E. Dodge for the return of money paid in error on personal taxes for the year 1883.

Petition for compromise of assessments were received from M. M. Jewett, F. W. Whitridge, William Harney & Son, Henry Purvis, Harry Shrope, attorney; William H. Cole, David Douglass.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of L. D. Fowler of $250 for furnishing and delivering twenty-five assessment maps of old Jersey City.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $8.20 for messenger service for the month of February, 1885.

Claim of Sites & Harrison of $490 for maps of railroad and canal property in Jersey City.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $350 from reconstruction of streets and Sewers to account of Engineering Bureau, fiscal year 1884-85.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid claim of Samuel B. Dougherty for services as mechanical engineer for month of February, 1885.

2. Rescinding resolution fixing rates to be charged for water in stables.

3. Improvement of South Street.

4. Resolution authorizing committee to insure the boilers at Belleville and High Service.

5. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the preamble and resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 22d, 1884, awarding damages for lands taken in the widening of Vreeland street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of James A. Alexander, M. M. Jewett, F. W. Whitrigde, Henry Purvis, Harry Shrope, Attorney, William H. Cole and David Douglass, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of William Harney & Son, for compromise of an assessment adverse to granting the same.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports they were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn as follows:

$250 to L. D. Fowler, for furnishing and delivering 25 maps of old Jersey City.

$490 to Sites & Harrison, for maps of Railroad and Canal property in Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee were received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the resolution heretofore adopted appointing William H. Jones Marshal of the Second District Court, be amended by adding the following words: "said appointment to date from the 1st day of February, 1885, said William H. Jones having performed the duties of said position since that date."

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Charles Freeman for the sum of $70 in full for services as Clerk in the City Collellector's office for the month of February, 1885.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, March 16, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, March 16th, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions were received from William Beach and Gustave Schumann for compromise of assessments.

Petition of Joseph Thorn for return of money paid in error on taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of R. Parsche of $46.15, for stationery furished City Treasurer and City Clerk.

Claim of N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., of $20 for rent of instrument and tollage from Oct. 1st., 1884, to January 1st., 1885.

Claim of John A. Nugent of $11.25, for taking testimony for the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

Claim of Albert Datz of $138, for printing Comptrollers reports and receipt books

Claim of Henry Steinbruck of $52.50, for ten tons of coal delivered at City Hall.

Claim of James H. Love of $7, for expenses serving notices to J. I. Blair and Philadelphia & Reading railroad for Commissioners of Appeal.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from President McDermott:

To the Commissioners of Appeals in cases of Taxation:

GENTLEMEN:—In the matter of complaints made of the valuation of certain property, as assessed for the annual tax of 1884, concerning which testimony was taken before your Board on the 7th instant, I respectively report that, in my opinion, each of said complaints is upon good foundation. In the case of the National Storage Company, commonly known as the Standard Oil Company, the valuation of Block 1,497, Plot A, and a piece of land known as "Black Tom," was appealed from. That assessment reads as follows:

DESCRIPTION.	VALUATION.
Block 1,497, Plot A	$ 60,000 00
Tracks, engines, tanks, etc	100,000 00
Pipe line to Bayonne	6,000 00
"Black Tom" and building	43.050 00
Total	$209,050 00

The prices paid by the company for the real estate in the above schedule, as shown by the testimony of Mr. Harrison, are as follows:

NAME OF GRANTOR.	CONSIDERATION.
J. D. Potts	$48,970 00
American Dock and Imp. Co	464,000 00
" " " " "	73,000 00
Vreeland et als	35,568 00
Total	$621,538 00

The buildings and structures of this company are worth as follows:

DESCRIPTION.	VALUATION.
Tanks	$81,500 00
Warehouse	14,000 00
Stable	300 00
Store-room	300 00
Boiler and pump house	1,500 00
Office	1,500 00
Machine shop	1,000 00
Carpenter shop	300 00
Smoke Stack	700 00
Building on "Black Tom"	20,000 00
Bulkhead in front of main land	3,000 00
Bridge to "Black Tom"	15,000 00
Crib Pier, "Black Tom"	40,000 00
Steel track	12,320 00
Pipe line	6,000 00
Total	$197,420 00

These figures, it will be seen, do not include the value of the stock of oil, &c., on the grounds at the time the assesment was made. I have not at hand any information by which I can determine its value. It is fair to presume that it was worth something, and if this is so, it was as proper subject for assessment as is the stock of a storekeeper on Newark avenue, notwithstanding the fact that the doctrine of "exemption" has frequently "struck oil" in this State.

The property of the heirs of Richard Vreeland is assessed as follows: "Block 1,496, plot G, Morris Canal and New York Bay, $5,550." There is a question affecting the rights of the owners of this property to the ripa which depreciates its value, but even under the statement of counsel it is worth about $19,000.

The property described as Block 1,495, lot F, assessed to Stephen B. Vreeland, is valued at $1,700. It is worth about $30,000.

The property assessed to the American Dock and Improvement Company, from the valuation of which appeal is taken, may be considered in the following order: Blocks 483, 486, 583, 679, 682 and 687, assessed at $184,050.

In the statement submitted by Mr. Loomis, presented by Mr. Holmes as counsel for the appellee, this property is spoken of as follows: "These blocks contain about eleven acres, situate between Phillip street, the National Docks Railway and New York Bay. The buildings on the same are in ruins. The property is unimproved and unproductive, and in its present condition and surroundings of little practical value. I protest against the contemplated increase, believing that the present very high value for 1884 should be reduced."

As a matter of fact this assessment covers 290 acres subject to taxation. This property is covered by a mortgage. The expert who valued the property for the mortgagors reported its value as follows. His report included three tracts of land and the property under consideration is included in the second tract upon which the following valuation was placed:

The Second Tract consists of three hundred and eighty (380) acres of upland and land under water, lying south of the terminus of the Central Railroad of New Jersey and north of the land of the National Storage Company, with a frontage on the bay of New York of four thousand and six hundred feet—380 acres *a* $22,000 per acre, $8,360,000.

Valuing this land at less than one-fourth of the estimate placed upon it by the mortgagors, it is worth over $1,300,000.

Block 1,499, plot E, New York Bay, valued at $135,000, is assessed to the American Dock and Improvement Company. This plot was also valued for the mortgage mentioned above, and the expert reported several years ago the following estimate of its value:

The Third Tract consists of one hundred and eighty acres of upland and land under water lying south of the lands of the National Storage Company, with a frontage of three thousand seven hundred and ten feet on the Bay of New York—180 acres at $17,500 per acre, $3,150,000.

The State grant to this property at the prices paid for the next plot south in 1878, is worth $158,000, or $23,000 more than the present assessed value of the entire plot.

Block 1,497, a piece of land known as "Black Tom," is assessed at $19,000.

This property contains sixty acres, of which one sixth is upland. In 1877 this company sold a portion of this block to the National Storage Company. The deed covered 17 28-100 acres, of which one-third was upland, and the consideration was $73.000. The true value of the piece under consideration is about $300,000.

I have therefore to recommend that the property considered above be assessed at the following values:

Name of Owner.	Assessed Value.	Valuation Recommended.
National Storage Company.....	$209,050	$720,000
American Dock and Improvement Co..	338,050	1,840,000
Total.....	$547,100	$2,560,000
Increase....	$2,012,800.	

The time limited by statute between hearing and decision of appeals is not sufficient to allow me to properly determine the value of the Vreeland estates. The points raised require an inspection of the property and a search of the records, which I will make at an early day. I am satisfied, however, that the assessed values of this property, as well as those of the lands assessed to the Morris & Cummings Dredging Company and the Point Breeze Ferry Company are too low.

I submit resolutions in conformity with the above schedule, and beg leave to record the fact that, in submitting the same, I have not overlooked the weight of the objections to the power of the Commissioners of Appeal to raise valuations of property upon which the assessment has been paid, and other objections to the disturbance of values for the year 1884. While I am not prepared to report that the objections made to the jurisdiction of the Board on the hearing of these and former complaints are not well taken, it seems to me that the best interests of the city require that there should be an official determination of the true value of these great estates, and that the points raised by the appellees should be left to the adjudication of the Courts.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN L. McDERMOTT.

The communication was received, spread at large upon the minutes and ordered filed.

M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the receipts for the two weeks, ending March 16, 1885, to be $608.26.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, March 10th to 16th, 1885, both days included, at $28,082.61.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer of $23.25 from Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Thomas Kelly, for sewer in Palisade avenue.

2. Awarding contract to Michael Fitzpatrick for building box sewer on Montgomery street.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled, the same members present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Directors of Education and Board of Public Works requesting transfers recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,500 from the account of special appropriation for repairs to heaters, &c., to the account of heating and ventilating to pay for extra repairs (work and material furnished by contractors to whom contracts were awarded under said special appropriation Board of Directors of Education fiscal year 1884-'85).

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $123.42 form the special appropriation for cleaning sewers to the account of streets and sewers to pay for work by employes in December, 1884 Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1884 '85.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 2d, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $125 be paid to Samuel B. Dougherty for services as mechanical engineer for the month of February, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 15th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for furnishing and delivering about 700 cubic yards of broken stone on Ocean avenue according to specification, be and is hereby awarded to Andrew A. Bouker at the price named in his bid, viz: $2,53 per cubic yard, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the contract for the same, and file it with the Clerk of the Board of Public Works within five days from the date of concurrence by the Board of Finance and taxation and approval of the Mayor, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 2d, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $8.20 be paid to William Rappe, $42 to William Rappe, $56.72 to August Boethe, $81.81 to Thomas Goddard, $5.20 to Jersey City Argus, $3.90 to the Evening Journal, $1.50 the Jersey City Herald, be and is

hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 9th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $15, $7.80 and $9.10 be paid to the Evening Journal Association, $39 to John Davies, $21.90 to John A. Vill $169.25 to Weston & Fiske, $90.25 to Wood & Menagh, $355.84 to Fox & Drummond, $13 to J. P. Kelleher, $9.10 and $7.80 to the Evening Journal Association, $6.15 to John A. Vill, $14.75 to Albert Datz, $5.25 to C. M. Clerihew, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 2d, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $12.60, $17.50 be paid to the Evening Journal Association; $33.50 to the Argus; $5, $4 and $1.80 to the Jersey City Herald; $23.81 to George Duncan. $15 to Rudolph Bush, $4.20 to J. C. Herald, $3 90 to the Evening Journal, $151 85 to Steele & Condict, $4.65 to P. W. Wittpen, $6 to John Savery, Son & Co., $24.30 to the Equitable Water Meter Co., $45.95 and $31.05 to Steele & Condict, $14.50 to Albert Datz, $26 to Albert Datz, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 2d, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $4, $6. $3.50, $3.50 and $3.50 be paid to J. C. Herald, $88.58 to Warner & Carscallen, $290 to E. W. Keeney, $150 to Charles H. Scott, $161.23 to Hewes & Phillips, $443.49 to Patterson Iron Co., $22 to Jordan Stationery Co., $20 to Thomas Trotter Sen., $280.34 and $262.38 to Fox & Drummond, $230. $225 and $225 to Davenport, Tracey & Co., $13.55 to Wm. D. Connell, $36 to Thos. Trotter Senior, $4.40 to Silas James, $3 and $3.50 to J. C. Herald, $63.50 to Hector McMullen, $35 to Nicholas Ott, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, February 16th, 1855, to wit:

Resolved, That $20.78 be paid to Vanderbeek & Son; $8.20 to Washburne & Brothers; $400.78 and $169.92 to R. H. Worthington; $135.30 and $62.35 to Wood & Menagh; $11.25 to McArdle & Powers; $83,74 to Wafhburne & Brothers; $139.35 to Charles H. Scott; $20 to Abram B. Pursell: $92.76 to Vanderbeek & Sons; $3.40 to C. A. Woolsey; $39.07 to Vanderbeek &Sons; $171.67 to Wood & Menagh $74.75 to Dugan & Fitzsimons; $12 to Robert Donshea; $39.16 to R. H. McFarland; $18.80 to Albert Datz; $42.22 to R. H. McFarland, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 9th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $13.50 be paid to H. Prussman; $5 to Edward F. C. Young, Receiver; $30.26 to J. C. Argus; $30 to Michael Mullery; $56.98 to Wood & Menagh; $129.57 to Charles H. Scott; $56.25 to H R. Worthington; $4.81 to William Anness; $45.87 to Dugan & Fitzsimons; $11.25 to Thomas F. Noonan; $56 to Thomas Trotter; $15 to Thomas Cain; $26.25 to Frank Boyle; $22 to John Kelly; $32 to Hector McMullen; $26.90 to Wright & Martin; $40 to the Jersey City Argus; $4 to Robert Gravel for ink; $190.53 to Wood & Menagh, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee; were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer as follows:

$20 to N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Company for rent of instrument and toliage from October 1st, 1884 to January 1st, 1885; $11.25 to John A. Nugent for taking testimony for Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation; $8.20 to American Distrist Telegraph Co., for messenger service for the month of February, 1885; $64.65 to John W. Harrison for stationery; $46.15 to R. Parsche for stationery furnished City Treasurer and City Clerk; $7 to James H. Love, City Collector for expenses serving notices for Board of Appeals; $48.75 to R. Parsche for stationery; $52.50 to Henry Stembrock for ten tons of coal delivered at City Hall.

The yeas and nays having been called on of the above resolutions they were adopted each by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $24.25 to transfer from general account to assessment account, the amount paid by assessment account for advertising the vacation of Colden street, Jersey avenue to Canal street.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Heppenheimer and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Datz and carried :

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, March 23, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, March 23d, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present — President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Hippenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was on motion dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUICATIONS.

Petition of Bridget Madden for compromise of an assessment.

Petition of John F. McGinness for correction of an assessment.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $3,032.80 for printing redemption notices.

Claim of the Argus of $3,032 for printing redemption notices.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $1.819.68 for printing redemption notices.

Claim of Post and Bruce of $5 for one telephone trumpet.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk in reference to the receipt of a writ of certiorari to review certain increased valuations on property owned by the Associates of the Jersey Company Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. Two pay rolls of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of March, 1885.

2. Awarding contract to John J. Donnelly for repairs, etc., to school houses Nos. 12, 13 and 14, and Annex School No. 11.

3. Awarding contract to John J. Donnelly for repairs of schools Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 21.

4. Awarding contract to Phillip E. Martin for repairs to school houses Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 17 and 18.

5. Repaving Communipaw avenue, from Jackson to Bergen avenues.

6. Improvement of Garfield avenue, from Linden to the west side of Gates avenue.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes. The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $23.35 from the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers to the account of printing and stationery Board of Public Works fiscal year 1883 and 1884.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the Committtee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 9th, 1885, for the construction of a sewer in Sherman avenue from Hutton to Griffith street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 9th, 1885, for the improvement of South street from Nelson to Central avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 16th, 1885, awarding contract to Thomas Kelly for sewer in Palisade avenue from South to North street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on the claim of the official papers for printing redemption of notices for taxes sold for 1878, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of the Jersey City Herald:

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn to the order of the Jersey City Herald, one for the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars, and one for one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fifty cents, the warrant for one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fifty cents to be used only in payment of taxes

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn to the order of the Argus Publishing Company, one for the sum of two thousand three hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents, and one for the sum of six hundred and thirty-three dollars and twenty cents, for the publication of the redemption notices for taxes sold for 1878, the warrant for six hundred and thirty-three dollars and twenty cents to be used only in payment of taxes.

On claim of the Evening Journal Association:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Evening Journal Association for the sum of $3,032.80 for the publication of the redemption notices for taxes sold for 1878.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent—Mr. Jordon.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President McDermott:

Whereas, The contract heretofore made for the cleaning of the streets of Jersey City designates the number of times that each street shall be cleaned during each month; and

Whereas, It is of the highest importance that such contracts should be strictly observed and enforced.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be to examine the manner in which the work under said contract is performed: and

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby requested to furnish the said committee on Monday of each week a statement showing in detail the streets cleaned during the preceding week and reporting any

omissions in the work called for by said contract and the schedule thereunto annexed; and

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to withhold his signature from all warrants hereafter ordered for work done under said contract or for the payment of the salary of said Street Commissioner until said Treasurer shall have received a statement signed by a majority of said Commissioners certifying that all work required by said contract or these resolutions has been performed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President McDermott, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Heppenheimer.

Absent- Mr. Jordan.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Hardenbergh, Datz and Jordan.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet on Friday, March 27th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENEY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Friday, March 27, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

In the absence of the Clerk, John T. M. Kaylar was elected to act as clerk pro tempore.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Cornelius Zabriskie requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the city in the United States Circuit Court for payment of coupons and interest.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petition of Catharine Donovan to have assessments adjusted.

Petitions of David S. Paige, Joseph N. Scott and Theresa Hammerschlag for compromise of assessments.

Communication from E. H. Hilchen requesting payment of a claim presented in 1883 for work and material.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of E. W. Harrison of $85 for preparing maps making searches, &c., for Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationary and supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasurer March 24th to 27th, 1885, both days included, at $12,269.68.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from President McDermott submitting copy of an act in relation to the receipt of the assessment for the Ravine Road Sewer without interest.

Received and ordered fled.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 23, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for the month of March, 1885, amounting to $570.01, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 23, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for the month of March, 1885, amounting to $828.33, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of J. Means, Bridget Madden, Theresa Hammerschlag, William Beach and Gutav Schumann, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of the estate of William E. Dodge:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William E. Dodge, Jr., Executor for the estate of William E. Dodge, deceased, for the sum of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three 98 100 dollars, being amount paid twice on personal taxes for the year 1883. The property being owned and the taxes for the said year paid by A. M. Dodge & Co., and further resolved that the City Collector be notified.

On petition of Joseph Thorn :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Joseph Thorn for the sum of $83.44, being amount paid twice on taxes for the year 1884, on lot part 36, block 610 and lot 404, block 819, 4th district, and that the City Collector be notified.

On petition of W. L. Jacques:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of W. L. Jacques for the sum of $2, being amount paid in error on poll tax for the years 1881 and 1882, the said W. L. Jacques being a non-resident as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition, and that the City Collector be notified.

On petition P. H. Hanley :

Resolved, That the petition of P. H. Hanley for the return of money paid on personal tax for the years 1882 and 1883, at No. 99 Jackson avenue, be not granted for the reason the petitioner should have applied to the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation for the years complained of.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer as follows:

$126 to Albert Datz for official printing.

$5 to Post & Bruce for one telephone trumpet.

$85 to E. W. Harrison for preparing maps and making searches for Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of ten thousand dollars to transfer that amount from assessment account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of April, 1855, interest account:

On general account	$26,070 00
On general account	20.000 00
On general account to pay interest on asssessment bonds	16,065 00
On water account	14,000 00
On water account	14,000 00

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That the map heretofore filed in the office of the City Collector entitled "Assessment map of the old city of Jersey City from original surveys and the records, made by direction of the Board of Public Works Jersey City." N. J., be and the same is hereby adopted as an official city map to be used in the levying of

taxes and assessments, and for all city purposes.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive all assessments levied under the provisions of an act to provide for the continuation of the Ravine road sewer in the city of Jersey City and city of Hoboken, approved April 9th, 1875, and the supplements thereto, without interest or penalty for the non-payment of the same, and to cancel the record of such assessment in each case where such payment shall be made on or before the 1st day of May next; and,

Resolved, That upon payment being made as aforesaid such assessment shall cease to be a lien upon the property for which any such payment shall be made, but shall be deemed and taken in each case of such payment to be fully paid and satisfied.

By President McDermott:

Resolved, That a special committee, to consist of three members of this Board, be appointed whose duty it shall be supervise the assessment of property for the ensuing year. Said committee shall examine the assessments made for the annual tax of 1884 and enquire into and examine the assessment for the ensuing year as the same progresses in order that the entire city may be assessed in accordance with uniform rule. Said committee shall make such suggestions to the assessors as shall from time to time seem necessary and may, if not satisfied with the information otherwise obtained, employ surveyors or other agents to aid in the ascertainments of the true value of property; and

Resolved, That in assessing the real property in the districts of Jersey City for the ensuing year each assessor shall observe the following rules:

Every tract of land and each building or structure shall be valued at its full fair value.

Each assessment shall be so made that it will show separately the value of the lot or tract of land assessed without building or other structures, and the value of the buildings or structures upon such lot or tract.

Each tax bill shall contain in separate columns a statement of the "valuation of land" and of the "value of buildings or structures" which shall be added and the total appear, and the total to appear in a third column as the total valuation of the real estate.

It shall be the duty of the assessors before making their assessment to consult with the committee heretofore provided for in these resolutions and the surveyors or other agents employed by said committee.

Each assessor shall before making his assessment for the ensuing year examine the additions and reductions made in assessments of valuations for the annual tax of 1884.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in the payment of salaries for the month of March, 1885, when due. viz.:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
John F. Kelly, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	100 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
S. D. Dickinson	83 30
John T. M. Kaylar	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
William H. Tuttle	70 00
Charles Freeman	70 00
James E. Connolly	70 00
Patrick O'Neill, messenger	60 00
Charles S. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, marshal 2d district court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk:—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
James F. Gannon, 1st district	125 00
Dennis McLaughlin, 2d district	125 00
Hugh Dugan, 3d district	125 00
Stephen P. Yoe, 4th district	125 00
James Lillis, 5th district	125 00
James C. Clarke, 6th district	125 00
Printing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning Rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Ellen Bowe	25 00

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending March 31, 1885, when due, viz:

Allan L. McDermott	$125
Emil E. Datz	125
A. A. Hardenbergh	125
Otto Heppenheimer	125
Thomas D. Jordan	125

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Wednesday, April 1st, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR, Clerk, pro tem.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, April 1, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Almena M. Culver, The Hudson City Savings Bank, William B. Van Vorst and George F. Vredenberg for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, of $127.70 for disbursements.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition was received from the Corporation Attorney and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the City Clerk stating that he had been served with a writ of certiorari issued by the Supreme Court at the suit of the State, the National Storage Company to review certain increased valuation and additional assessments for taxes of 1884 on property of said company in Jersey City.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Awarding damages for the opening of Grover street.

2. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments.

3. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs.

4. Ordering paid claim of Samuel B. Dougherty.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

President McDermott and Mr. Heppenheimer here withdrew as members of the Board of Finance and Taxation, in accordance with the decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals rendered this day.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board re-assembled, the following members present:

Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Romaine and Seymour.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh Mr. Datz was elected president pro tem.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 30th, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of March, 1885, amounting to $351, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 30th, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of March, 1885, amounting to $2,523 77, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 30th, 1884, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125 be paid to Samuel B. Dougherty for services as mechanical engineer for the month ending March 31, 1885, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 2d, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, Tha the sum of $17.84 be paid to Wm. D. Connell for roofing, &c., be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 2d, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $243 be paid to Philip E, Martin for iron pipe, &c., be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 16th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $130.34 be paid to Vanderbeek & Son; $52.10 to Phillip E. Martin; $24.50 to Wm. Gaston; $111.95 to C. A. Woolsey; $297.22 to C. A. Woolsey; $56.65 to Vanderbeek & Son; $19.50 to Thomas Ratigan; $25.40 to Vanderbeek & Son; $27.73 to Phillip E. Martin; $140 to John Kelly; $17.65 to N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co.; $82 50 and $25 to N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co; $16.75 and $197.50 to Jordan Stationery Co.; $25 25 to Albert Datz; $42 to Phillip Muldoon; $112, $96.50 and $129.25 to Jordan Stationery Company, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 24th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $198.60 be paid to the National Meter Company, $5.50 to R. H. McFarland, $19.25 to Albert Datz, $14 70 to the Newark Aqueduct Board, $13.50 to Robert Donshea, $13.40 to Phillip E. Martin, $28 to the Argus, $7.80 to the Argus, $16.40 to the Argus, $95.34 to John J. Mara & Bro., $125 to Dennis Byrnes, $11.29 to James Muldoon, $25.50 to William Bryant, $62 50 to Warner & Carscallen, $31 to the Argus, $12.60 to the Argus, $23.50 to the Argus, $60.68 to John W. Harrison, $352.25 to E. W. Keeney, $26 85, $357 39, $2.49, $4.33, $3 to Theo. Smith & Bro., $60 to Thomas Trotter, $7.80, $5 20 and $9.10 to the Argus, $1.20 to Patrick Malone, $17.50 to John Hagin, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 23d, 1885, awarding contract to John J. Donnelly for repairing, &c., &c., school houses Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 21, according to specifications, at the price named in his proposal, viz., $655.50, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 23d, 1885, awarding contract to John J. Donnelly for repairing, &c., &c., school houses Nos. 12, 13, 14 and annex to No. 11, according to specifications, at the price named in his proposal, viz., $461, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 23d, 1885, awarding contract to Phillip E. Martin for re-

pairing, &c., &c., school houses Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 17 and 19, according to specifications, at the price named in his proposal, viz., $507, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 23d, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for repaving Communipaw avenue from Jackson to Bergen avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 50th, 1885, awarding damages for land taken in the opening and changing as to boundaries of Grover street, from Ocean avenue to Garfield avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Romaine and Seymour.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions for compromise of assessments of Catherine Donovan, William B. Van Vorst, Alemena M. Culver, George F. Vredenbergh and the Hudson City Savings Bank, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of Frederick H. Spengeman:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Frederick H. Spengeman for the sum of forty-eight dollars and sixty-three cents, being the total amount paid for taxes on lots 11 B, 12 B, 13 B and 14 B, block 296, for the years 1874 to 1884, both inclusive, as the property above described does not appear upon the city map; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Clerk and City Collector be and they are hereby directed to cancel off record in their respective offices the assessment for taxes against said parts of lots 11 to 14, block 296, for said years 1874 to 1884, both inclusive.

On petition of Catherine Donovan:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the assessments on lot 1, block 413, assessed to R. C. Walker, as follows:

Widening Grand street or Newark Plank Road, Ocean avenue to Bergen avenue, March 20, 1874, from $181.68 to.....	$121 12
Grading, curbing and flagging Grand street and Newark Plank Road, March 23, 1874, from $184.47 to....	122 78
Nicholson pavement on West Grand street and Newark Plank Road, February 26, 1874, from $254 44 to	169 63

The above reductions being made on recommendation of L. D. Fowler, Esq., Assessment Clerk of the Board of Public Works; and further,

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby requested to receive from R. C. Walker or his representative the face value of the above named assessments as reduced, without interest, providing all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any; and said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the comittee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Romaine and Seymour.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City express their sorrow in the sudden death of Frederick S. Winston, President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, whose kindly aid has so often been recognized in the instrument of our credit by the institution whose interests were entrusted to his care, and that we regret that the career of one whose influence was so universally recognized in the fields of honorable influences has been so suddenly removed by the hands of death.

Resolved, That a committee of two members of this Board be appointed to attend his funeral as a further token of our respect, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his family and to the company over which he so faithfully presided,

The chair appointed Messrs. Jordan and Hardenbergh as such committee.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, By the decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals, as this day rendered, Hon. A. L. McDermott and Otto Heppenheimer cease to be members of this Board; therefore

Resolved, That we express our great regret in the sunder of relations by which we have for the past year been so amicably bound in the common endeavor to discharge our obligations to the citizens of Jersey City, and that we testify our admiration for the special services rendered by Hon. A. L. McDermott for his faithful and diligent performance of duty as President of this Board whereby the best interests of this city has been conserved and its credit placed beyond the reach of controversy.

By Mr. Jordan:

Whereas, By a resolution adopted by this Board, the duty of receiving assessments levied for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer was intrusted to the City Comptroller; therefor

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on March 27, 1885, directing the City Comptroller to receive said assessments without interest or penalties, be so amended as to direct the City Collector to receive such assessments in accordance with the terms of said resolution.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars to transfer that amount from General to Water account as a loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George F. McAneny for the sum of $500, in full payment for services as Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation for the years 1884 and '85.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for the sum of $100, being in full for services rendered to the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation for the years 1884 and '85.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William A. Creamer for the sum of $150 for services rendered to the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation for the years 1884 & '85.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Romaine and Seymour.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That Hon. A. L. McDermott be invited to attend the meetings of this Board as often as he may find it convenient to do so.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet Saturday, April 4, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., and the clerk directed to notify Messrs. Romaine and Seymour to be present.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Saturday, April 4th, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan, Romaine and Seymour.

The Board proceeded to elect a President.

Mr. Hardenbergh was nominated for President by Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Hardenbergh declined and nominated Mr. Datz.

A vote being taken Mr. Datz was elected and took the chair.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communicat on from the City Clerk submitting an abstract from minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen of Jersey City in regard to the appointment of members of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Received and ordered filed.

Resignation of James E. Connolly as clerk in the City Collector's office to take effect April 9, 1885.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from City Collector:

April 4th, 1885.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In accordance with section fifty (50) of a supplement approved March 24th, 1873, and section twenty-four (24) of a further supplement to the City Charter passed March 27th, 1874, I respectfully nominate for approval and appointment by your Honorable Body Harry F. Halsey, vice James E. Connolly, resigned, as clerk in the office of the City Collector, said appointment to take effect April 9th 1885.

Yours very respectfully,

JAMES H. LOVE,

City Collector.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on communication from the City Collector recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Harry F. Halsey be and is hereby appointed a clerk in the office of the City Collector at a salary at the rate of $70 per month, term of office to commence April 9th, 1885, and to continue at the pleasure of the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That bonds No. 353, 354, 355, 356 and 357, being the bonds now held by Cornelius Zabriskie and upon which judgment has lately been recovered in the United States Circuit Court be and they are hereby reinstated upon the list of bonds upon which the coupons are payable upon maturity and presentation.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Cornelius Zabriskie for the sum of $4,610.05, being amount of judgment and costs recovered in the United States Circuit Court in the case of Cornelius Zabriskie vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, said warrant to be charged against Contingent Fund of 1884 and '85, and to be delivered to the said Cornelius Zabriskie upon his filing with the City Clerk a satisfaction of judgment heretofore recovered by him in the United States Circuit Court against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, said satisfaction piece to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Wednesday, April 8th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The President then announced the following Standing Committees:

Finance and Claims—Messrs, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Romaine.

Concurrent Resolutions—Messrs. Romaine, Jordan and Hardenbergh.

Salaries, Taxes and Assessments—Messrs, Jordan, Hardenbergh and Seymour.

Printing, Stationery and Supplies—Messrs. Seymour, Romaine and Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, April 8th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Helen A. Bellamy, Edward Cullum and Frank Lehane, all of which were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Hon. A. L. McDermott enclosing a copy of decision in the Court of Errors and Appeals in case of the Provident Institution for Savings vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $77 for advertising sale of water scrip and printing manuals pages 141 to 151.

Claim of Albert Datz of $180 95 for stationery furnished offices in City Hall.

Claim of Allan L. McDermott of $23 for disbursements in the case of the Provident Institution for Savings vs. Jersey City.

Claim of the United Gas Company of $72.93 for gas furnished City Hall from January 1st to March 30th, 1885.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the receipts for the two weeks ending April 8th, 1885, to be $501.31.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay-roll of Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of March, 1885, amounting to $1,937.11.

2. Pay-roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of March, 1885, for thawing out hydrants and turning on water in horse troughs, &c., amounting to $304.50.

3. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Edward Cullum and Frank Lehane for compromise of assessments recommending that they be allowed to pay assessments without interest.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Seymour and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Saturday, April 11th, 1885, at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

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Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Saturday, April 11, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan, Romaine and Seymour.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from James A. Alexander and John A. McGrath, both of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of M. T. Newbold of $25.73 for taxed costs in the case of the People's Gas Light Company vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $10.68 for messenger service for the month of March, 1885.

Claim of J. B. Cleveland of $241.35 for searches, &c., &c.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Collector reported the receipt of the following assessment map:

Improvement of Winfield avenue between Ocean avenue and Avenue E, amounting to $2,911.75.

Received and ordered filed.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

On re-assembling the same members were present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the warrant heretofore ordered drawn to the order of Cornelius Zabriskie for the sum of $4,610.05, in payment of judgment and costs be paid out of the appropriation for claims, legal expenses and judgments instead of being paid from the Contingent Fund as provided for in said resolution, and that the City Clerk be directed to change the warrant accordingly.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Datz, Jordan, Messrs. Romaine and Seymour.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan, and carried, moved that when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Wednesday, April 15th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p, m,

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

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